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Graner prisoner abuse case: The soldier shown most prominently in photos of prisoner abuse at Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq has returned to

a U.S. military base and will have a hearing before a military judge Monday, his attorney said.

Spc. Charles Graner Jr., 36, of Uniontown, Pa., was returned under military escort to Fort Hood, Texas, this week, his civilian defense attorney, Guy Womack, said Wednesday.

Statements by President Bush and military leaders have tainted any potential military panel, Womack said, and he will seek to have the case dismissed during preliminary hearings next week.

States

Woman's execution: The Texas parole board has recommended delaying the execution of a woman accused of killing her husband and two young children, leaving the chance for a reprieve in the hands of the governor.

Gov. Rick Perry can agree with the board's 5-1 vote or allow the execution to go ahead as scheduled Wednesday. Perry spokeswoman Kathy Walt said late Tuesday

the case was under review.
Frances Newton, 39, could become the first black woman executed in Texas.

Turnpike strike: The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission said Tuesday night that it reached a tentative contract with striking toll collectors, ending a walkout that began a day before Thanksgiving.

The toll collectors were scheduled to return to work their next scheduled shifts, beginning at 11 p.m. Tuesday, turnpike spokesman Bill Canone said.

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The agreement, which is still subject to union ratification, was reached around Tues-

day evening, officials said.

Blake trial: A jury of seven men and five women was selected Wednesday to decide whether actor Robert Blake murdered his wife, Bonny Lee Bakley.

Six alternate jurors, three women and three men, also were chosen. The panel was ordered to return Monday morning for opening statements.

Bakley was shot May 4, 2001, in a car near a restaurant where she and Blake had just dined. Blake pleaded not guilty to murder and solicitation of murder.

Lynndie England case: Pfc. Lynndie England arrives at the XVIII Airborne Corps Staff Judge Advocate Building at Fort Bragg, N.C. for an Article 32 motion hearing Wednesday leading up to her Jan. 18 court-martial on abuse charges stemming from photos of her pointing and smilling at naked Iraqi detainees at Abu Ghraib prison. Her lawyers moved Wednesday to throw out statements she made when first questioned about the abuse, including that reservists were just "joking around, having some fun."

Nightclub fire: Attorneys representing families of some of the 100 people killed in the West Warwick, R.I., nightclub fire as well a number who were injured have agreed to drop CBS Broadcasting Inc. as a defendant in one of the lawsuits filed in the aftermath.

Lawyers for both sides signed a stipulation dropping the claims against CBS. The stipulation was entered into the court record on Monday.

CBS attorney Michael DeLuca said CBS was originally named in the suit because plaintiffs thought it had control over WPRI-TV. The CBS affiliate employed one of the nightclub's owners and a cameraman

who was at the club recording tape for a story on building safety when the fire

World

Powell in Haiti: Secretary of State Colin Powell met on Wednesday with Haitian political leaders and other opponents of ousted President Jean Bertrand Aristide in Port-au-Prince in what is likely his last visit to Haiti as the United States' top diplomat.

Shortly after Powell entered the National Palace in the Haitian capital for meetings with President Boniface Alexandre and Prime Minister Gerald Latortue, gunfire erupted outside. It was not clear whether the shots were aimed at the palace, but a palace security officer said they appeared to come from a single passing car.

China mine explosion: The death toll in a huge coal mine explosion in central China rose to 166 on Wednesday, government radio reported, making it the deadliest accident in the country's disaster-plagued mining industry in years.

The report on the Web site of China National Radio came after officials said rescue efforts were blocked by fires and toxic fumes in the Chenjiashan coal mine, which was hit by an explosion Sunday.

"All 166 miners in the mine are dead," the report said, citing an unidentified spokesman for the rescue headquarters. It didn't say whether more bodies had been found or give other details.

South Korea nuclear experiments: North Korea vowed Wednesday to make South Korea's past secret nuclear experiments a top priority for discussion in six-nation nuclear talks aimed at ending the communist North's nuclear weapons programs.

The North's new maneuver threatens to further complicate the prospects for the stalled talks, as Washington and its allies are struggling to set a date for resuming the nuclear negotiations. A meeting scheduled for September failed to take place because the North refused to attent.

Alleged spy flights: North Korea claimed Wednesday that the U.S. military conducted at least 190 spy flights against it in November, seeking an opportunity to invade.

"This is a clear indication that the U.S. imperialists are watching for a chance to mount a pre-emptive attack on the (North), while frantically pursuing their hostile policy towards it," said the North's official Korean Central News Agency.

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Yokota deems UH-1N copters 'completely safe'

BY VINCE LITTLE Stars and Stripes

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — Despite three precautionary landings in the past four months, the four UH-1N helicopters assigned to the 459th Airlift Squadron will not be temporarily grounded for

an extended safety inspection.
"There has been discussion of it, but no action taken," Col. Mark Schissler, the 374th Airliff Wing commander, said at a news conference Wednesday afternoon on Yokota's flight line. "We are sensitive to the concerns of our Japanese neighbors, but we make decisions based on our operational

"We are flying completely safe airplanes, and I have full confidence in all of our practices

After a UH-1N crew made a precautionary landing Nov. 23 r Tokyo's Chort Airfield when an abnormal transmission light indicator popped up in the cockpit, Schissler ordered a review of Yokota's maintenance procedures. It took about two days, he said, and no lapses were discov-

"Everything had been followed properly," Schissler added. "I am completely satisfied with the people who perform maintenance here. Our investigation found they were doing everything correctly."

Investigators blame the most recent problem on a faulty light in the cockpit, not a malfunction of the helicopter's transmission, Schissler said

Last week's precautionary landing was the third for a Yokota helicopter crew since Aug. 19. The first took place in Yokohama afterengine problems surfaced. On Nov. 2, a UH-1N team detected a leak in the helicopter's hydraulic system and had to land on a basebull field near Numazu (Ety in Shi-

zuoka Prefecture. None of the landings resulted in an injury or damage to the air"Those precautionary landings are the safest thing to do — you look for the safest place to set the helicopter down," Schissler said. "No one was ever in any danger,

and the aircraft was under complete control the whole time. That's quite different from being forced to land because of an emergency."

The 459th Airlift Squadron has not had a major accident since its inception in 1993. The unit won the Pacific Air Forces Flight Safety Award the past two years.

Since 1997, Yokota's UH-1Ns have safely flown more than 10,000 sorties — all of them trans-

port and training missions — totaling more than 9,900 flying hours. "Safety is my No. 1 priority," Schissler said. "I'd also like to point out that we have a great relationship with each of our surrounding communities and that we understand the concerns of

our Japanese neighbors.
"Flying helicopters is a key
part of our operational mission
here at Yokota Air Base. Although we operate an aging fleet
of UH-1 helicopters, I have full
confidence that we are properly
maintaining these aircraft to safely perform our important airlift

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Misawa chaplain to cruise away with Pentathlon prize

By JENNIFER H. SVAN Stars and Stripes

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan — Chalk it up to divine intervention, sheer luck or Fridays spent at the wood shop, but Maj. Wendell Brenneman and his wife, Deb, are going on a cruise.

Brememan, the senior Protestant chaplain at this northern Japan base, was ond of three "five level" grand-prize winners in Pacific Air Forces Pentathlon, an online board game that rewarded players for using services-run organizations, from clubs to veterinary clinics, at U.S. air bases in the Pacific.

Brenneman won a seven-day Hawaiian cruise for two, with round-trip airfare from Misawa to Hawaii and three nights' lodging at a hotel. He and his wife plan to go in

"I've always wanted to do a cruise, so this is really exciting," Brenneman said Wednesday as base officials presented his prize packet.

"We'll try not to gain too much weight," he quipped. "There's 11 different restaurants on this boat."

In its second year, the contest is designed to enhance awareness about services and award services patrons, according to information from Misawa's 35th Services Squadron. Services organizations gave

out tickets to patrons between Aug. 1 and Oct. 31. To play, participants registered at www.pacfive.com and logged their game piece numbers. By earning more game pieces, players could move through five different levels and qualify to win increasingly more expensive prizes in a drawing. In-stant prizes such as T-shirts, movie tickets and DVDs also were awarded at each

level. Other grand-prize winners at the top level included Yokota Air Base's Tech. Sgt. Cesar Casillas, who won a Hawaiian vacation for two. A \$2,000 cash award went to a player from Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, officials said.

Misawa and Yokota had several other winners at lower prize levels. At Misawa, Staff Sgt. Rebecca Griffin won a cross-trainer. Chris Looney, a staff sereant at Yokota, earned \$5,000 in cash, while Yokota family member Deborah Moon received an iPod digital music play-

er.
"There's a variety of ways of winning when you participate in services' activities." said Brenda Akanuma. 35th Services

Squadron assistant marketing director. Brenneman said the cruise is the first prize he's ever won. The chaplain said he usually picked up a ticket on Fridays when he spent part of his day off at the Skills Development Center's wood shop. He also earned game pieces when eating at the



JENNIFER H. SVAN/Stars and Stripe

Brig. Gen. Bill Rew, left, 35th Fighter Wing and Misawa Air Base commander, presents Maj. Wendell Brenneman, right, and his wife, Deb, second from right, with their Hawaiian cruise prize packet Wednesday morning. Brenneman was one of three top grand prize winners in the PACAF Pentathion online board game contest.

club for lunch and logging workouts on FitLinxx, a computerized fitness monitoring system available at Potter Fitness Cen"I always talked about giving Deb a cruise on our 25th wedding anniversary," he said, noting that was 10 years ago.

Airport adds defibrilators

 $\rm TOKYO$ — Narita International Airport's passenger terminals and cargo areas now are equipped with defibrilators for persons suffering cardiac arrest.

Forty-two automated external defibrilators (AEDs) were made available as of Tuesday, said a Narita International Airport Corp. spokesman. The defibrilators are within three minutes of any location in the passenger terminals and cargo area, he said.

The installation marks the first time the airport has equipped passenger terminals with AEDs, the spokesman said. The move follows the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare's July decision to let the general public operate the paddle-like devices, which administer electrical joils to restart stopped or irregular heartheats.

The machines will be marked with an illustration of a heart and a lightning bolt and labeled with the letters "AED."

Sagami Depot holds tree lighting

Sagami Depot will hold a tree-lighting ceremony from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday at Gate 5, according to U.S. Army Japan officials. After the ceremony, participants are invited to join Christmas caroling across the street at a Japanese hospital.

From staff reports

Japanese officials mull revision that allows two on motorcycles

Stars and Stripes

TOKYO — Japanese officials have yet to decide how to implement for status-of-forces-agreement personnel a revised law allowing motorcyclists to carry one passenger on certain freeways, Japanese officials said Wednesday.

Under the traffic law revised in June, motorcyclists 20 or older who have had a motorcycle license for more than three years will be allowed to ride double on freeways, a National Police Agency spokesman said.

The implementation date was set Tuesday for April 1, he said.

Because SOFA personnel are exempt from obtaining a Japanese driver's license, Japanese officials say they must figure out a way to implement the rule for them. "We have yet to notify and discuss the matter with the U.S. Forces in Japan," said a foreign ministry's SOFA division official. U.S. Forces Japan officials declined to comment on the proposed chance.

Riding double on motorcycles was banned in 1965 after a series of accidents by motorcyclists riding double on freeways.

The law was revised following motorcyclists' increased demand to use freeways and their complaints about the inconvenience of traveling long distances when not able to use freeways.

The revised law also raised fines for violators from 6,000 yen (about \$58) to 12,000 yen (about \$58) to 12,000 yen (about \$516). Those who don't pay, or who contest the ticket and are found guilty by a court, now face a fine of up to 100,000 yen (about \$972). The previous fine was up to 50,000 yen (about \$486), NPA officials said.

Some Okinawa Marines to stay longer in Iraq

By LISA BURGESS Stars and Strines

ARLINGTON, Va. - The Pentagon is extending deployments of more than 10,300 soldiers and Marines in Iraq for two to four months and bringing in an additional 1,500 soldiers from the United States to assist with security in preparation for national elections, set for Jan. 30, defense officials

said Wednesday.

U.S. troop levels in Iraq will rise from about 138,000 to more than 150,000 for the period covering the elections, according to Army Brig. Gen. David Rodriguez, deputy director for regional operations in the Joint Staff's Operations Directorate

That is the highest number of U.S. troops in Iraq since initial combat operations ended in May 2003. Rodriguez told Pentagon reporters during a Wednesday news

Two battalions of the 82nd Airborne Brigade (the Division Ready Brigade, or DRB), about 1,500 paratroopers, will be sent to Iraq from their base at Fort Bragg, N.C., "shortly" and will be in Iraq by mid-December, Rodriguez told Pentagon

The DRB, sometimes called the Army's "911 emergency forces" is designed so that one battalion is able to be deployed within

Extensions to include 2,300 from 31st MEU, aimed at bolstering security ahead of election

18 hours of notification, and the second, "about 45 days past that," or the end of Febwithin 24 hours And in Iraq, the following troops have

been extended ■ About 2,300 Marines from the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, which includes Marines from Okinawa, Hawaii and Califor-nia. The Marines were due to return home in January and will now "come out March 15," Rodriguez said. Counting their time aboard ship to return to home base the total deployment for the Marines will be 91/2 months, rather than the normal seven months. Rodriguez said.

■ About 4,400 soldiers from the Army's 2nd Brigade of the 25th Infantry Division, based in Schofield Barracks, Hawaii

The brigade was supposed to return home in the beginning of January, but will now spend an additional 60 days in Irag. Rodriguez said

■ About 3,500 soldiers from the 2nd Bri gade of the 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas. The 2nd of the 1st Cavalry unit was supposed to return home in No vember, but was extended to Jan. 12 earlier this fall. Their new redeployment will be ruary, Rodriguez said.

About 160 soldiers of the 66th Trans portation Company, based in Kaiserslautern, Germany, were due to depart Iraq in early January but instead will stay until early March — "about 60 days more," Rodriguez said.

However, extensions are not unknown for some Marines, Brig. Gen. Robert B. Neller, director of the Marine Corps Operations Division, said during the press conference. He noted that the 26th MEU was sent first to Iraq, then diverted on its way home for a mission in Liberia last year.

The additional deployment time for the 31st MEU "will have some potential impacts" on the Marine Corps' rotation schedule, "but we'll adjust," Neller said.

The additional troops were requested, Rodriguez said, by "commanders on the ground," including combat commander Army Gen. John Abizaid, head of the Florida-based U.S. Central Command, which has operational responsibility for Iraq.

Rodriguez warned that U.S. commanders in Iraq are continuing to assess the situ-

ation, and that conditions there "may result in additional adjustments" to troop levels.

Nevertheless, at this time, Rodriguez said, "there are no plans to accelerate the deployments" of any Iraq-bound units, including the 3rd Infantry Division, which an-alysts have suggested in recent weeks might contribute to higher force levels dur-

ing the election.

Instead of bringing in fresh troops, commanders decided they needed to keep the most experienced troops in Iraq longer, Rodriguez said.

The ground commanders believe the most experienced troops, the ones who have been there longest ... know the ground best," he said.

Some organizations representing Iraq's Sunni minority population have pledged to boycott the Jan. 30 elections, and even some members of Irag's coalition government have suggested postponing the event until the security situation in the country is

But the Bush administration is holding firm to the Jan. 30 event, which is mandat ed by an interim constitution signed by Iraqi's provisional government in the spring.

And Rodriguez said that even if the elections are postponed, "the plan is that [the extended troops] will come home at the end of the extension."

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Maj. Gen. Eric Olson speaks at the main U.S. base in Bagram, north of Kabul, Afghanistan, on Tuesday. Thousands of U.S. soldiers are poised to begin a fresh operation against Taliban insurgents to prevent an expected spring offensive from upsetting plans for fresh Afghan elections, Olson said Tuesday.

Bodies of crash victims on way to U.S.

The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan - Search teams have recovered the bodies of six Americans who died when their plane crashed high in Afghanistan's snow-covered mountains, U.S. military officials said Wednesday.

The plane went down Saturday. but search efforts were complicated by bad weather and difficult terrain, said military spokesman Mai. Mark McCann.

We regret to report that all six individuals on board the aircraft the three U.S. civilian crew members and three U.S. soldiers were killed in the crash," Mc-

He said the victims' identities

would be released later by the Defense Department and Florida-based Presidential Airways, which had contracted the CASA 212 transport plane to the U.S. Air Force.

A plane carrying the bodies of the six victims back to the United States left Bagram on Tuesday evening, bound for Dover Air Force Base in Delaware, McCann said.

"An investigation will be con ducted to determine the cause of the crash. However, at this time, we have no indication this crash was caused by hostile fire," Mc-Cann said

"The indications we have is that it got into a valley and tried

to gain altitude quickly," Maj. Gen. Eric Olson said. "The pilot apparently recognized that was not going to be able to gain altitude quickly enough and tried to make a very dramatic turn, didn't make it and crashed into a very

narrow valley."

The bodies were found amid the debris of the plane in the Hindu Kush mountains, southeast of Bamiyan.

Accidents have accounted for most of the more than 100 deaths of U.S. servicemembers since Operation Enduring Freedom bega in the wake of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on the United States.

McCann said the bodies of the

six Americans will be returned to their families "as soon as possi-

Bahraini princess and Marine file for divorce

I.AS VEGAS - The five-year marriage between a former Marine and a young Bahraini royal, whose story provided the basis for a made-for-television movie in the United States and uproar in her home country, is over.

"It was what she wanted," Jason Johnson told the Las Vegas Review-Journal of the divorce he and Meriam Al-Khalifa Johnson filed for Nov. 17, the day after their fifth wedding anniversary. It calls them "incompatible in marriage."

Johnson, who had sneaked his beloved into the United States and was court-martialed over the relationship, cast the tale as a "Romeo and Juliet" love affair that disintegrated amid Las Vegas nightlife, opposition by his wife's family, and at least one death threat

Al-Khalifa Johnson was not represented by a lawyer in the di-vorce filing. No one answered her apartment door Monday and it was unclear whether she planned to stay in the United States

The story started in January 1999 when Johnson was stationed in Bahrain, an island kingdom off the coast of Saudi Arabia Al-Khalifa Johnson is one of

five daughters of Sheik Abdullah bin Ibrahim Al-Khalifa, a distant relative of Bahrain's king, Sheik Hamad bin Isa Al-Khalifa

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Report: U.S. generals knew about prison abuse

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By JOSH WHITE The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - A confidential report to Army generals in Iraq in December 2003 warned that members of an elite military and CIA task force were abusing detainees, a finding delivered more than a month before Army investigators received the photographs from Abu Ghraib prison that touched investigations into prisoner mistreat-

The report, which was not released publicly and was recently obtained by The Washington Post, concluded that some U.S. arrest and detention practices at the time could "technically" be illegal. It also said coalition fighters could be feeding the Iraqi insurgency by "making gratuitous enemies" as they conducted sweeps netting hundreds of de-tainees who probably did not belong in prison and holding them for months at a time.

The investigation, by retired Col. Stuart A Herrington, also found that members of Task Force 121 — a joint Special Operations and CIA mission searching for weapons of mass destruction and high-value targets including Saddam Hussein - had been abusing detainees throughout Iraq and had been using a secret interrogation facility to hide their activities

Herrington's findings are the latest in a se ries of confidential reports to come to light about detainee abuse in Iraq. Until now, U.S. military officials have characterized the problem as one largely confined to the military prison at Abu Ghraib - a situation they first learned about in January 2004. But Herrington's report shows that U.S. military

leaders in Iraq were told of such allegations even before then, and that problems were not restricted to Abu Ghraib. Herrington, a veteran of the U.S. counterinsurgency effort in Vietwarned that such harsh tactics could imperil U.S. efforts to quell the Iraqi insurgency — a prediction echoed months later by

a military report and other reviews of the war effort. U.S. treatment of detain ees remains under chal-

Representatives of the International Committee of the Red Cross recently told

U.S. military officials that the treatment of inmates held at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, was "cruel, inhumane and degrading

Herrington's report, which was commis-sioned by Maj. Gen. Barbara Fast, the top intelligence officer in Iraq, said some detainees dropped off at central U.S. detention facilities other than Abu Ghraib had clearly been beaten by their captors.

"Detainees captured by TF 121 have shown injuries that caused examining medical personnel to note that 'detainee shows signs of having been beaten."

" according to the report, which later concluded: "It seems clear that TF 121 needs to be reined in with respect to its

treatment of detainees A group of Navy SEALs who worked as part of the task force has been charged with abuse in connection with the deaths of two detain ees they arrested in the field. One died in a shower room at Abu Ghraib on Nov. 2003, a month before Herrington arrived for his re-

A military source who par ticipated in Task Force 20, the predecessor to TF 121. said the task forces comprised several 12-man units that had targeted missions,

such as searching for Saddam lovalists and terrorists. TF 20, which had about 1,000 soldiers, incorporated Army Rangers, members of Delta Force and Special Forces units working with CIA agents. They planned their missions nearly autonomously and answered either directly to the theater com-mander or to officials in Washington, the source said, speaking on the condition of anonymity because the missions were classi-

Task Force 121 added Navy SEAL units but was slightly smaller overall. Herrington wrote that an officer in charge of interrogations at a high-value target detention facility in Baghdad told him that prisoners taken by

TF 121 showed signs of having been beaten. Herrington asked the officer whether he had alerted his superiors to the problem, and the officer replied: "Everyone knows about it

While several investigations have been completed into the Abu Ghraib scandal and U.S. interrogation practices in Iraq, an official military inquiry into the detention activities of Special Operations forces has not been released. That probe, headed by Brig. Gen. Richard P. Formica, was expected to be presented to Congress earlier this year, but a Pentagon spokesman said it is ongoing

Of the Herrington report, a Pentagon official said top generals in Iraq, including Lt. Gen. Ricardo S. Sanchez, who at the time directed U.S. forces there, reported the al-leged abuses to officials at U.S. Central Command, which oversees military activities in the Middle East. The official said TF 121 was investigated, but he could not provide re-

"The Herrington report was taken very seriously," said the official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because the report has not been released.

Iraqi president backs election date

BY SAMEER N. YACOUR The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iraq's president, a Sunni Muslim, said Wednesday that elections should be held on time on Jan. 30, giving key support to the timetable de spite violence in large parts of the country and calls by some powerful Sunnis to postpone the vote.

U.S. soldiers traveling through Mosul on a mission to discuss the January election with Iraqis came under fire Wednesday when they stopped at a gasoline station, witnesses said. One U.S. soldier was wounded in the ensuing gunbattle.

Iragi Prime Minister Avad Allawi, meanwhile, met Iraqi Sunni tribal leaders in neighboring Jor-

dan, trying to drum up support for the election, seen as vital for building a democratic government in Iraq.
Insurgents continued to launch

attacks. On Baghdad's dangerous airport highway, a suicide bomb-er detonated an explosive-laden whicle near two SUVs, wounding three civilians, according to po-lice. One of the SUVs was left lying overturned in the road after the blast, which hit the same spot on the highway where a suicide bomber rammed a U.S. military convov a day earlier, wounding several soldiers.

The persistent violence has raised fears that voting will be impossible in some areas, and a major Sunni group has called for a boycott of the election to protest the U.S.-Iraqi offensive on Falluiah last month

But President Ghazi al-Yawer, who wields considerable influence among Sunni tribal figures. especially in the north of the coun try, told reporters in Baghdad that he opposed any delay.

"I personally think that there is a legal and a moral obligation to hold elections on the set date," he "Legally and morally, we have to abide by the date set for the elections in the country's ad-ministrative law" which mandates a ballot by the end of Janu-

Meanwhile, the U.S. military said it has arrested 210 suspected militants in a weeklong crackdown against insurgents in an area south of Baghdad known as the "triangle of death."



Soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 24th Infantry return fire Wednesday during a gunbattle with insurgents in Mosul, Iraq. The soldiers came under fire when they stopped at a gasoline station. One U.S. soldier

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U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Tuesday, at least 1,253 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 981 died as a result of hostile action, the Defense Department said. The figures include three military civilians.

The AP count is one lower than the Defense Department's tally

It's not unusual for the figures to differ slightly from day to day.

The British military has reported 74 deaths; Italy, 19; Poland, 13; Spain, 11; Ukraine, nine; Bulgaria, seven; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary and Latvia have reported one death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,115 U.S. military members have died, ac-cording to AP's count. That includes at least 874 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

The latest deaths reported by the military:

One U.S. soldier died Monday from wounds

sustained when his patrol was attacked with a

bomb near Alazu, Iraq The latest identifications reported by the mili-

■ Marine Lance Cpl. Adam R. Brooks, 20, Manchester, N.H.; killed Sunday in Iraq's Babil province; assigned to 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expedinary Force, Marine Corps Base Camp Leieune.

■ Marine Lance Cpl. Charles A. Hanson Jr., 22, Panacea, Fla.; killed Sunday in Iraq's Babil prov-ince; assigned to 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regi-ment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expedition-

ary Force, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C. Army Pfc. Stephen C. Benish, 20, Clark, N.J.; died Sunday in Ramadi, Iraq, when he was attacked while on patrol; assigned to the 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Com-bat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Howze,

■ Marine Cpl. Gentian Marku, 22, Warren, Mich.; killed Thursday in Iraq's Anbar province; assigned to 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

IN THE WORLD

Protecting women focus of World AIDS Day

BY ALEXANDER G. HIGGINS

GENEVA — From Armenia to Zambia, activists turned out by the thousands for World AIDS Day on Wednesday, singing in mighty cathedrals, lighting candles in city squares and playing sports.

The United Nations has dedicated this year's observance to improving protection for women and girls. Nearly half of the 39.4 million people infected with HIV worldwide are female.

"Prevention methods such as the ABC approach — Abstinence, Be faithful and use Condoms are good, but not enough to protect women where gender inequality is pervasive," said Peter Piot, head of UNAIDS.

"We must be able to ensure that women can choose marriage, to decide when and with whom they have sex and to successfully negotiate condom use," Piot added. As the day began in Asia, where the disease has claimed \$40,000 lives this year, campaigners in Japan and South Korea handed out condoms. Thailand, Vietnam,

and Bangladesh had marches.

In China, a rare visit by President Hu Jintao to AIDS patients in a hospital was televised.

In Pakistan, about 400 aid workers discussed how to empower women in a region where men usually have a dominant role in soci-

At the forefront of the pandemic in southern Africa, red ribbons were tied to lamp posts and draped over buildings. Zambians gathered for a candlelight memorial service in the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in the capital, Lusaka.

Anglican Archbishop Njongonkulu Ndungane of South Africa appealed for tolerance.

"HIV/AIDS is not God's nunish-

ment of the wicked," Ndungane told a rally in Cape Town. "AIDS is a preventable, treatable and manageable disease — no more, no less."

Malawi's President Bingu wa Mutharika said he wants at least 1 million of his 11 million people to be tested for HIV by the end of next year so his government can determine how many need anti-retroviral treatment.

Eastern Europe, where AIDS figures have jumped since the collapse of the Soviet Union, joined in the observance. Events in Armenia included a concert with well-known local artists.

In the Croatian capital of Zagreb, activists handed out condoms and sold Christmas cards made by AIDS-infected children.

Portugal, which has one of the highest rates of new AIDS infections in western Europe, opened the new headquarters of an association to support AIDS patients.



Kenyan children hold flags to promote HIV/AIDS awareness at a public rally Wednesday in Nairobi, Kenya, for World AIDS Day. The National Aids Council of Kenya warned that the AIDS situation is worsening in Kenya because of a lack of awareness about the dangers of unprotected sex.

Philippines death toll rises; storms not done

BY PAT ROQUE The Associated Press

MARAGUNDON, Philippines
— The death toll from a powerful
rainstorm that triggered landslides and flash floods in the eastern Philippines rose to 412, with
177 people still missing, officials
said Wednesday.

Meanwhile, winds and rain from another approaching ty-phoon hampered rescue efforts and prompted authorities to raise an alert over the country's already battered eastern provinces.

As rescue workers worked to reach survivors on rooftops and dry patches of land, the coast guard prevented ferries, small boats and fishermen from leaving ports after authorities raised a typhoon alert over eastern provinces facing the Pacific Ocean.

Weather forecasters said Typhoon Nanmadol was roaring toward the country with winds up to 150 mph. It was expected to make landfall Thursday or early Friday

Low clouds and pounding rain turned back a helicopter carrying Vice President Noil de Castro and Social Welfare Secretary Corazon Soliman on a visit to Quezon. President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo also canceled a trip to the area. Arroyo ordered the military and police to crack down on illegal logging, blaming the high death toll on deforestation.

U.S. Army deserter to move to wife's hometown in Japan

The Associated Pres

TOKYO — U.S. Army deserter Charles Jenkins will move to his wife's hometown in northern Japan this week, days after his release from U.S. military prison and almost four decades after he defected to North Korea, the government said Wednesday.

Jenkins, his Japanese wife, Hitomi Soga, and their two daughters will head Friday to the small island of Sado where the family is expected to resettle.

A U.S. military court sentenced Jenkins to 30 days in jail last month for abandoning his unit to cross into North Korea 39 years ago. He was released on Saturday after serving 25 days.

Jenkins, a native of Rich Square, N.C., told the

court that he fled his Army post in South Korea on Jan. 5, 1965, because he had heard rumors that he was to be reassigned to combat in Vietnam. He said he didn't intend to stay in the North — instead, he had planned to defect to the Soviet Embasy there and eventually make his way back to the United States.

The communist regime in North Korea, however, kept him for 39 years.

He was allowed to leave the North earlier this year to join his wife who was kidnapped from her Japanese hometown by North Korean agents in 1978. Soga was allowed to return to Japan only two years ago after North Korean leader Kim Jong II admitted his country had kidnapped 13 Japanese inzite zero to obtain teachers of Japanese language and customs for its spies.

Yushchenko proposes second Ukraine vote KIEV, Ukraine — Ukraine's opposition leader Viktor Yushchenko signed a compromise agreement Wednesday that obliged his supporters

to lift their siege of government buildings, but he said they would stay in the streets until a deal is reached on a new vote.

After talks with the presidential runoff's officially declared winner, Viktor Yanukovych, outgoing President Leonid Kuchma and European

Viktor Yanukovych, outgoing President Leonid Kuchma and European envoys, Yushchenko proposed that a new vote be held Dec. 19 to resolve the crisis over the disputed balloting.

It was not immediately clear whether Yushchenko was calling for a re-vote of the Nov. 21 runoff that pitted him against Yanukovych or a new first round, with other candidates taking part.

Yasser Arafat's brother dead of cancer at 67

CAIRO, Egypt — Fathi Arafat, the brother of late Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and founder of the Palestinian Red Crescent Society, died Wednesday. He was 67.

Arafat died at the Palestine Hospital in suburban Cairo, where he had

been receiving treatment for stomach cancer, said Mae Arif, spokeswoman for the Palestinian Red Crescent Society. Arafat, a physician, was the hospital's director.

"He was not only an uncle but he was a friend, a personal friend I

think," said Nasser al-Kidwa, Arafat's nephew and Palestinian envoy to the United Nations.

Arafat had been suffering from cancer for about four years. Last month, a hospital official said cancer had spread throughout his body.

month, a hospital official said cancer had spread throughout his body. Arafat was a senior member of Fatah, the Palestine Liberation Organization's political movement once headed by his brother.

Arafat will be buried in Egypt, according to his relatives. His brother died Nov. 11 and was in the West Bank town of Ramallah.

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IN THE STATES

Bush thanks Canadians for help after Sept. 11

The Associated Press

HALIFAX, Nova Scotia - President Bush declared Wednesday that both the United States and Canada have a vital interest in the success of democracy in Iraq and said "a new day of freedom, of hope and self-government is on the way."

"Our enemies have declared their intentions and so have we," Bush told an audience in Halifax, Nova Scotia. "Peaceful nations must keep the peace by going after the terrorists and disrupting their plans and cutting off their funding.'

"Two years ago, we disagreed about the best course in Iraq," the president acknowledged. But he said that both Canada and the United States know what's at stake

Bush, continuing a hemispheric fence-mending trip north of the U.S. border in a country where opposition to the U.S.-led war to oust Iraq's Saddam Hus-sein has been fierce, said that Washington and Otta-wa now agree essentially about how to "go forward."

"There's only one way to deal with enemies who plot in secret," he said. "We must take the fight to

them. We must be relentless and we must be steadfast in our duty to protect our people

Bush also said that it is "cultural condescension" to think that democracy cannot work in the broader Middle East

He praised Prime Minister Paul Martin as a strong leader and said he looked forward to a "strong part-

nership" with Canada in his second term. Noting that some 33,000 passengers on diverted U.S. commercial flights got stuck in Canada in the wake of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, he said, "Canadians came to the aid of men and women and

children who were worried and confused with nowhere to eat and sleep." "How does a person say thank you to a nation?" he

"Well, that's something a president can do. So let me say directly to the Canadian people ... Thank you for your kindness to America in an hour of need

Bush said he believes the people of the United States and Canada will remain close, as they have over time, "beyond the words of politicians and the natural disagreements that national leaders will

New chief faces demanding post

BY TED BRIDIS

WASHINGTON Ridge's successor as chief of the Homeland Security Department will have to unify a sprawling bureaucracy, a deadly serious job where fail-

ure could put the United States at risk of an other terror attack Ridge

who nounced his resigna day. knowl-

edged the frustrations of working out the kinks in the broadest govern ment reorganization in half a

century, a job critics say re-mains largely incomplete. Ridge said he will remain in the job until Feb. 1, unless the Senate confirms his successor earlier. Among those cited as potential candidates are Bernard Kerik, the former New York City police commissioner who helped rebuild Iraq's police force; former Federal Emergency Management Agency Director Joe Allbaugh; Envir tal Protection Agency Adminis-

trator Mike Leavitt: and White House homeland security adviser Fran Townsend.

Others are also believed to be interested in the job, including Asa Hutchinson, undersecre-tary for border and transportation security in the Homeland

Security Department.

Critics said Ridge's legacy is mixed at Homeland Security, a collection of 22 disparate federal agencies with more than 180,000 employees. It includes Citizenship and Immigration Services, the Customs Service, the Coast Guard, the Secret Service and the Transportation Security Administration, with a combined budget of \$36 billion

"He was dealt an impossible hand," said Richard Clarke, the former top counterterrorism adviser to President Bush who re-signed last year. "He was not al-lowed to make some of the key decisions about the beginning of the department. I think anyone would have failed under those circumstances.

Although the Homeland Security Department originally was envisioned as a broker of intelli-gence after the 2001 terror attacks, the Bush administration opted to establish a new terror-ist screening center and terrorist threat integration center, set up at the FBI and CIA respec-



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Methodists to start trial based on gay clergy law

PUGHTOWN, Pa. - When the Rev. Irene Elizabeth Stroud told her congregation last year that she lives with a lesbian partner, she set the stage for the United Methodist Church's third trial under a law forbid-ding clergy who are "self-avowed practicing homosexuals." Stroud could be defrocked if she loses the trial, expected to begin

Stroud said that if she is defrocked, the Germantown congregation has already promised that she can continue her work under lay status.



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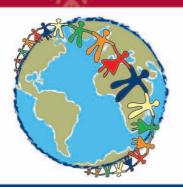
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Peterson lawyer seeks sympathy for Scott

BY BRIAN SKOLOFF The Associated Press

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. — Scott Peterson's life "is a life worth saving." an attorney told jurors Wednesday as the defense opened its case for sparing him from the death penalty for killing his pregnant wife, Laci.

Defense co-counsel Pat Harris said much of Peterson's life had been laid bare at trial. But as the second day of the penalty phase of Peterson's trial got under way, he told jurors that they

don't know the true Scott Peterson, 32. "What we're going to now show you is the 30 years that preceded this," Harris said. "And when we show you those 30 years, I believe that you will

agree that this is a life worth saving. On Tuesday, when prosecutors presented their case for the death penalty, jurors heard sometimes heart-rending testimony from Laci Peterson's Laci Peterson's mother, family. Sharon Rocha, a gold wearing heart-shaped pendent with her daughter's picture in it, rose out of the witness chair and screamed at her former son-in-law

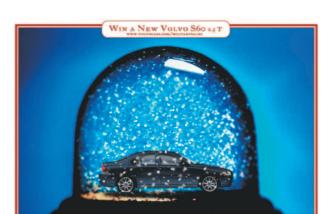
"She wanted to be a mother. That was taken away from her," Rocha said to Peterson. "Divorce was always an option -

not murder," Rocha said. At one point, Peterson dabbed his

eyes with a tissue.
"The first Mother's Day [after Laci's death] I laid on the floor and I cried most of the day because she should have been there," Rocha

sobbed, her chest heaving.





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New IDs for gun buys

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The Massachusetts Instant Record Check System will be in place in all police departments and gun shops across the state by next summer. It is currently operating in three shops and about 140 police departments. It allows police and shop owners to have instant access to updated arrest warrant and restraining order information.

No Election Day in Fla.?

ORLANDO, Fla. - Florida's election supervisors are proposing one way to make voting easier: Do

away with Election Day. Voters would cast ballots during a span of several days or weeks ending on the traditional voting day, under a plan endorsed Tuesday by supervisors at their meeting in Orlando. The group will now lobby lawmakers for changes during the spring legislative session.

The overwhelming response to this year's 15 days of early voting convinced most supervisors that voters are now demanding new freedom to show up at the time and place of their own choice

Hurricane season ends

PENSACOLA, Fla. - One of the most traumatic hurricane seasons in Florida history officially ended Tuesday with Gov. Jeb Bush calling the occasion a time for "reflec-

tion and celebration Florida was hit by four hurricanes in a single season, a triggered the nation's biggest natural-disaster response.

The hurricanes killed 117 in Florida, destroyed more than 25,000 homes and heavily damaged 4.600 more. Damage was estimated at \$42 billion.

Bush said he would push during a special legislative session for passage of tax relief for people who lost their homes and the end of multiple deductibles on insurance policies for those who had damage from more than one hurricane.

Wash, recount likely

OLYMPIA, Wash. - Republican Dino Rossi was certified as governor-elect Tuesday, but closest gubernatorial race in Washington's history is far from over.

Secretary of State Sam Reed certified Rossi's 42-vote victory over Democrat Christine Gregoire.

"A recount is almost a certainty," Reed said after making the re-sults official. "The candidates and political parties have until 5 p.m Friday to request and pay for an additional recount."

Democrats are expected to request a hand recount of all or part of the 2.8 million ballots.

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RAY: Hmm. I don't think plasma TVs have come down that far

vet. TOM: Sev. eral ideas come to mind. Diana. One is an inexpensive scan tool.

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Tom and Ray Magliozzi

A scan tool is what you plug into the car's computer, and it gives vou all kinds of fascinating diagnostic information. RAY: Well, it'll be fascinating

to those guys, anyway

TOM: All cars built from 1996 on use a standard computer diag nostics system called OBD II. You can find several inexpensive OBD II scan tools on the market in the \$150-\$200 range. Best of all, since this is a diagnostic tool, it will provide your loved ones with wonderful excuses to then go out and buy even more expensive equipment with which to fix these newly diagnosed problems!

RAY: Another idea is a rechargeable remote jump-starter. I've got one of these, and it works tery, and it's fullgreat. It's smaller than a car baty encased in hard plastic. It has positive and negative battery cables attached to it, and you use it to jump-start your car when nobody else is around. You charge it up from a home out let or from your cigarette lighter

(BEFORE the battery dies!) and then toss it in the trunk.

TOM: So, when you come out of Rocco's Adult Beverage and Exotic Female Dancer Den at 1 in the morning and find that you left your lights on, you won't have to call your wife for a jump-start (and a dope slap). These jumper packs will run you anywhere from \$50 to \$100, depending on how powerful the battery is. But even the basic ones will work pretty well, unless the battery is stone cold dead.

RAV: In the same price range. vou can get some one a personal air pump and a can of tire sealant. Next

time he has a flat tire, instead of waiting for a tow truck or changing the tire himself while semis whiz by, he can pull out his air pump, toss in the sealant and fill the tire back up in five or 10 minutes. Most of these air pumps plug into the cigarette lighter or run off rechargeable batteries. And as an added bonus, he can use it to fill up his basketball, soc-cer ball or inflatable Geraldo Rivera punching bag.

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Former "Jeopardy!" champion Ken Jennings, left, reacts to a right answer while being guizzed by David Letterman on the "Late Show with David Letterman." Jennings finally lost on Tuesday's broadcast, after becoming the biggest money winner in TV game show history, earning \$2.520,700 over a 74-game run.

'Jeopardy!' whiz finally meets his female match

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Following his remarkable run as the "Jeopardy!" whiz, Ken Jennings is famous enough to be trailed by a fan in the subway, is penning a book andhas \$2,520,700 in winnings to decide how to spend.

What he doesn't have anymore, after his 74-game winning streak came to an end in an epi sode televised Tuesday, is a **EXCHANGE RATES**

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"I miss it quite a bit." Jennings said. "It didn't really hit me that that was going to be the hard part.

"I thought the hard part would be the loss."

He seemed so invincible that when California real estate agent Nancy Zerg beat him, there was an audible gasp from the audience.

As someone who always has prepared his own tax returns, Jennings was tripped up in Final Jeopardy by this answer: Most of this firm's 70,000 seasonal white- collar employees work only four months a year.

Zerg had the correct reply: 'What is H&R Block?" But Jennings guessed Federal Express, and he was a "Jeopardy!" loser

for the first time. The final score was Zerg's \$14.001 to Jennings' \$8,799.

Even before that, she had needed an unusual display of Jennings fallibility to stay in the game. He twice answered wrong on Daily Double ques answered tions. which cost him nearly

Maybe that's why he paused.

Tuesday whether he had lost or been beaten. He then graciously gave Zerg credit.

"It was a big relief to me that I lost to someone who played a better game than me," said Jennings, a computer software engineer from Salt Lake City. 'There were no recriminations or remorse."

Zerg, a former actress who lives in Ventura, said that she psyched herself up before the game by repeating to herself: Someone's got to beat him sometime, it might as well be me

Jennings said he'd been thinking about walking away after some future milestone wins, perhaps, or \$3 million or \$4 million in winnings. He said there were about a dozen games where one reply made the difference between winning and losing, and he figured his luck would end soon.

"I'm actually cheering for somebody to beat my record," he said. "How cool would that be? But, realistically, I don't think there's much of a chance . So many lucky things had to happen.

Everything had to fall the right way.

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BY NANCY DUNNAN

The cost of heating fuel is going up again this winter - by more than 25 percent, according to some experts.

Most utility companies publish energy savings suggestions. Check with yours by calling the consumer hot line. Others offer cash to customers who install ef-

ficiency equipment and weather stripping.

For a list of programs, check

out the Web site of The Edison Electric Institute, the electric utilities trade group, at: www.eei.org/wiseuse.

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FRIDAY EVENING / DECEMBER 3, 2004

MOVIES SPORTS

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6	AFN-P	•ESPNews	Pacific Report	King of the Hill "Girl You'll Be a Gi- ant Soon" Grilling protest. (CC)	That '70s Show "I'm Free" Kelso contemplates fa- therhood. (CC)	The Apprentice (C		Survivor: Vanuatu, "Now Who's in Char		Pacific Report	The Tonight Show	,	Late Show (CC)
7	AFN-ATL	(5:46) Oprah Win- frey (CC)	(:35) The View (CC))	(:17) General Hos- pital (CC)	Headline News	Judge Judy (CC)	Today (CC)				Teacher's Pet (EI) (CC)	What's New Scoo by-Doo?
8	NEWS	Hardball With Chris	s Matthews	The O'Reilly Facto	r (CC)	Primetime Thursda	y (CC)	Good Morning Am	erica (CC)			Headline News	Channel One
9	SPORTS	S •(5:00) Sports •Sports						 SportsCenter 		•Real Sports (CC)		●Sports	
10	SPEC	The Simpsons "Treehouse of Hor- ror XIII" (CC)	Everybody Loves Raymond Frank acts fatherly. (CC)	existence. (CC)	nter accidentally ir to another plane of	son's classroom; Ro assignment. (CC)		Blue Planet		Friends Ross wants Emily to stay. (CC)	Seinfeld Jerry's parents think he needs cash. (CC)	The Daily Show (CC)	Blind Date (CC)
		SpongeBob	Rugrats (CC)	All Grown Up	Dave-Barbarian		Drake & Josh	That's So Raven		Switched! (CC)	Radio-Roscoe	The Cosby Show	
	AFN-MOV		Ent. Tonight	*** "State and M dy-Drama) Toni Colle	lain" (2000, Comedy			(8:48) ** "The Sa Christina Ricci, Han		e) Val Kilmer, Elisabe	ith Shue. Down" (2002, Come	** "Get Over It" ((:45) ** "China
14		Rachel Griffiths. A n	ew friend inspires a	misfit to make a fresh	start. 'R' (CC)	Blethyn. A sorority g	gal falls for a mentally	challenged teen. 'R'	(CC)	Susan Sarandon, J ing leaves him scar	eff Goldblum. A wealt red for life. 'R' (CC)	hy youth's upbring-	Moon" (1994) Ed Harris.
24	PBS	Up Book. (EI) (CC) (DVS)		The NewsHour Wit (CC)		Washington Week (N) (CC)	With Fortune (N) (CC)	Now With Bill Moy		Unfiltered (N) (CC)		Charlie Rose (N) (
25	SHOW	(5:30) * s "World Tr Crudup. A man leav road trip of self-diso	es his family for a overy: 'R'	The former champ a	V" (1990, Drama) Sy agrees to train a risin	g young fighter. 'PG-'	13' (CC)	graced cop probes t	he death of an unde	Liotta, Jason Patric, rcover colleague. 'R'	(CC)	Boxing Epifanio N. Rowland.	•
27	A&E	City Confidential T journey up Signal M murdered. (CC)	hree hikers on a lountain are found	American Justice " Again" Death-row or Duff was set free. (0	nvict Kenneth Mc-	Biography "Tony Do prepares to host a c (CC)	daytime talk show.	Biography "Nicolas Heart" Actor and Os Cage. (CC)	car winner Nicolas	Depp. (CC)	Depp" Actor Johnny	American Justice woman kills her fath	"Stacey's Story" A her. (CC)
28	DISC	To Be Announced		To Be Announced		Africa's Great Rivers	Africa's Great Rivers	Wild and Dangero		To Be Announced		To Be Announced	
29	TFC	Wazz Up Wazz Up	Star Circle Quest	Bida SI Mister, Bid	a Si Misis	(:05) Insider	Dong Puno Live		Balitang America (In Tagalog)	Morning Star	(:40) Masayang Tar	nghali Bayan	
30	CNN-I	Larry King Live (Ci		CNNI World News		Business Internati	onal	Asia Tonight	Biz Asia	CNNI World News	World Sport	Biz Asia	The Music Room
31	GOLF	Golf World Match	Play Championship -	Final. From Surrey,	England.	 Beacons of the G Bodies of Golf 	lame: The Ruling	 Golf Channel Academy 	●Golf Central	 Golf Channel Academy 	•Golf Central	 European PGA G Second Round, F 	iolf Hong Kong Oper rom Hong Kong.
32	TLC	Clean Sweep Used items make it diffi- cult to navigate through a bedroom and home office		Clean Sweep "Cure ple needs to get she they don't like. (N)	e for Clutter" A cou- ed furniture and art	What Not to Wear "Chris" An actor's parents hope he'll outgrow his grungy style. (N) (CC)		What Not to Wear what flatters.	Jeanne" Proper fit is	Clean Sweep "Cure ple needs to get sh they don't like.	e for Clutter" A cou- ed furniture and art		
34	TOON	Foster's Home for	Imaginary Friends		Teen Titans	Powerpuff Girls!	Cartoon Cartoon (Looney Tunes	I Am Weasel	Sheep in the Big City	Detective Squad	
35	ANPL	The Crocodile Hun Deep: Turtles' Sea t		Most Extreme: Che ception to lure prey.	eats Animals use de- (CC)	Venom ER Snakebi to a hospital. (CC)	ite victim, 70, flown	Animal Cops Detro Abused animal dies		Animal Precinct "F emaciated dog is re cape. (CC)	lard Lessons' An scued from a fire es-	Venom ER Snakeb to a hospital. (CC)	ite victim, 70, flown
36	сом	Trigger Happy TV Zookeeper at- tacked. (CC)	Trigger Happy TV Street corner water cooler. (CC)	The Daily Show Woody Harrelson. (CC)	Mad TV Margaret C	ho; Macy Gray. (CC)	The World Stands Up Peter Berman. (N) (CC)	Comedy Central Presents Kevin Hart. (CC)	Comedy Central Presents Gregg Rogell. (CC)	Premium Blend Dov Davidoff; Krist- ian Vallee. (N)	Comedy Central Presents Carlos Alazraqui. (CC)	Comedy Central Presents Todd Bar- ry performs.	D.L. Hughley The comedian performs (CC)
40	NGC-A	When Nature Strike soons		Snake Wranglers Black tiger snake.	Croc Chronicles Capturing snakes.	Shetland Oil Disas tal disaster of 1993.	ter The environmen-	Secret China 'Rage Flood is hidden from	of the River Gods"	Russia's Last Tsar perial Russia that e throw of Nicholas II.	The lost era of Im- nded with the over-	Seconds From Dis Eschede" German t	saster "Derailment a
42	SPIKE	World's Wildest Po	lice Videos (CC)	CSI: Crime Scene I Strip Strangler" (CC	Investigation "The	CSI: Crime Scene I "Burked" (CC)	Investigation	Untold "Bo Jackson cusses his injury. (N	"Bo Jackson dis-	CSI: Crime Scene "Chaos Theory" (CC	Investigation	l Hate My Job	
43	FOX	Remington Steele	(OC)	St. Elsewhere (CC)	,	Cops "Las Vegas M criminal investigatio to the courtroom. (N	n from crime scene	Renovate My Fami Dr. Phil works to giv ly a needed renovat	ly "Serratelli Family" e the Serratelli fami-	The Fox Report W		The Bob Newhart Show	The Bob Newhart Show Jerry's broth er shows up.
44	BET	106 & Park: BET's video.	Top 10 Live Baby ar	nd Mannie Fresh	Jay-Z: Fade to Black		000. Drama) Pras. Ja	Rule, Vondie Curtis-		Club Comic View I Comic: Mystro Clari	Presents "Spotlight k" Mystro Clark.	BET Nightly News Higher education.	
46	COURT	Hollywood Heat	Body of Evidence: From the Case Files	Cops A toddler is kidnapped. (CC)	Cops "Coast to Coast" Man trashes house.	The Investigators * Richardson vs. Miss mate	'6 Months to Live:	Forensic Files	Forensic Files Teen goes missing.	Forensic Files "Fi- nancial Downfall"		Stories of the Inno Life Stolen	ocence Project: A
48	STR-WLD	The Simpsons (CC)	The Drew Carey Show (CC)	Star News Focus Asia	Friends (CC)	●Wrestling		Stupid Behavior Caught on Tape (CC)	When Hidden Cameras Attack	Ultimate Force		Friends (CC)	Stupid Behavior Caught on Tape (CC)
50	LIFE	The Golden Girls Mother's Day recol- lections. (CC)	The Golden Girls Sophia's daytime life is active. (CC)	* * "The People N dan, Michael O'Kee agenda. (CC)	ext Door" (1996, Su fe. A woman discove	spense) Faye Dunaw rs her new neighbors	ray, Nicollette Sheri- i hide a sinister	* * "Last Man on t Sonja Smits. A write	the List" (1998, Sus r's unhappy wife trie	pense) Nicollette She s to have her husban	eridan, John Ritter, id killed. (CC)	Merge A couple wh have varying decora	no met in college ating tastes. (CC)
51	ABCFAM	7th Heaven Eric ag pist; Cecilia's father her. (CC)	rees to visit a thera- allows Simon to see	Smallville "Rush" P come thrill-seeking a parasitic worm. (C	daredevils thanks to	** * "Rookie of the Albert Hall. A pint-si	he Year" (1993, Com ized pitcher joins the	edy) Thomas Ian Nic ranks of the Chicago	holas, Gary Busey, Cubs.	Whose Line Is It Anyway? "Super- heroes." (CC)	Whose Line Is It Anyway? "Film Dub." (CC)	The 700 Club (CC)	1
53	HIST	Secret Passages *S tery lies next to the Egypt. (CC)	Serapeum" A ceme- oldest pyramid in	Modern Marvels "B capable of speeds of (CC)	ullet Trains" Trains	Heavy Metal "Apac Apache is the most helicopter in the wo	powerful and feared	Battlefield Detectiv unrivaled reputation	res The Apaches' as fighters. (N) (CC)	Modern Marvels "I Navy's most lethal f	he F-14" The U.S.	Conspiracy? "Who King, Jr.?" Charges	Killed Martin Luther of cover-ups. (CC)
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58	ADV 1	(5:30) Baffin Is- land	Into the Death Zon A grounded cargo s spill off the coast of	hip causes an oil	Bustle Tower		Out There "Lava Lake" Lava lakes can stay liquid.	Beyond the Hori- zon	Shoot the Crea- ture "Garter Snakes"	Baffin Island Climb granite wall at the e cle.	ing an enormous dge of the arctic cir-	Next Wave 'Flora Lu' Violent tribe discovered.	Out There "Lava Lake" Lava lakes can stay liquid.
59	мту	Newlyweds: Nick & Jessica "Celebri- ty Issues"		Real World Road Rules Chal- lenge (CC)	Real World Road Rules Chal- lenge (CC)	The Real World "Philadelphia" (CC)	The Real World "Philadelphia" (CC)	Laguna Beach: The Real Orange County	Laguna Beach: The Real Orange County	Pimp My Ride A 1985 Chevy Subur- ban.	You've Got a Friend	MTV News Now "The Evolution of Eminem"	Battle for Ozzfest
60	NICK	SpongeBob SquarePants (CC)	Rugrats Angelica makes Santa quit. (El) (CC)	Scaredy Camp	Scaredy Camp	Scaredy Camp	Scaredy Camp	Scaredy Camp	SpongeBob SquarePants (CC)	Invader Zim	Rugrats Angelica makes Santa quit. (EI) (CC)	The Fairly Odd- Parents (CC)	As Told by Ginger
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Vaccine 11:15 CNN News Afternoon 12:15 ABC News 12:35 PGA Tour Golf Lesson (3)

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2:20 UEFA Euro 2004 Soccer: Swiss vs. Croatla
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STARS STRIPES. LETTERS TO THE EDITOR/OPINION

Travel restrictions necessary

Recently a soldier aired some frustra tion regarding travel limitations imposed on soldiers in Kuwait (" 'Locked down' in Kuwait," letter, Nov. 27).

The soldier implied that our commanders have restricted movement in the country under the guise of ambiguous "security threats" assessed by what he perceives to be an untrustworthy intelli-

gence community.

As a member of the command on Camp Arifjan who receives current intelligence reports daily, let me assure the writer and all of our soldiers in Kuwait that the travel restrictions are absolutely necessary and that our commanders did not make this decision lightly or was it driven by a desire to pre-empt potential behavioral problems. The safety and security of every soldier is our paramount concern. The details of these threats in this area of operation are real and available to any soldier in this command with the proper clearance.

As to why civilians and others are allowed to travel with fewer restrictions, I would respond simply that these individuals do not fall under our command: however we do recommend they follow similar practices. These individuals are only responsible for themselves, unlike the Army leaders here. Good leaders understand that soldiers need to have time for recreation; that is why there are so many facilities available here. The numerous Morale, Welfare and Recreation facilities throughout Kuwait are great places for soldiers to unwind.

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I would ask that the writer consider his circumstances against those of many of our soldiers stationed in Iraq in order to better appreciate his situation

Col. Brick T. Miller Commander, Area Support Group Kuwait Camp Arifjan, Kuwait

'Mortaritaville' is a misnomer

Several of us have been on Logistics Support Area Anaconda during the time the Oct. 19 article "After daily attacks,

supply base dubbed 'Mortaritaville' " (Okinawa edition; "Daily attacks earn base 'Mortaritaville' moniker," Japan and Korea editions) refers to, and we just don't see it the way the writer describes

I have been in the military 24 years and my understanding of the terms used in the article differ. So, to be just, I looked them up in Webster's New World Dictionary:

■ barrage: 1: artillery fire that holds down the enemy while one's army attacks. 2: any prolonged attack.

attack: v. 1: to make an assault; n. 1: an attacking 2: any hostile action, esp. with troops.

I don't see any of this happening on LSA Anaconda. We do get harassing fire of one to two rounds, sometimes several times a day; and we have had some casualties, but this is what happens in situain Iraq, this is very low key.

Also, another term should be considered when referring to the harassing fire on LSA Anaconda: "miss" or "missed," as in, "They missed the base."

miss: vt 1: to fail to hit something 2 to fail to be successful 3: to misfire: said as of an engine; n. a failure to hit, obtain, etc

Anaconda is a good base and will continue to develop into a great garrison environment. If units will stay in their lane and do their mission, then the base will improve and the surrounding areas will come to enjoy the prosperity from having this large base here.

Master Sgt. Darrell E. Weaver Logistics Support Area Anaconda, Iraq

The greatest gift: A clear conscience

BY BRUCE WEINSTEIN

ast week, "Seinfeld" fans eagerly greeted the release on DVD of the first three seasons of their beloved show. Among the episodes not making their digital bow is "The Label Maker" from Season Six, which gave us a name for the concept of giving to another person a gift we had just re ceived: re-gifting. This episode is proof, if we needed it, that the show is not about nothing, as Jerry Seinfeld would have it, but about something quite significant the ethics of friendship.

As the busiest gift-giving time of the year approaches, and many of us wonder what to do with the unwanted presents we get, it is worth considering the moral question raised by this episode. Is it right to re-gift? A gift is a symbol of what a relationship means to us. The most meaning-ful gifts meet the needs or satisfy the desires of the recipient. A gift should be about pleasing the other person, not showing off the taste, wealth or power of the giver. We should give with the other person not ourselves in mind

Still, a friend, colleague or even family member who knows us well on occasion might buy us something that is the last thing we'd buy for ourselves. People in long-term relationships can be surprised by the choices in clothes, music or gadgets that their beloved makes.

Re-gifting presents an apparent ethical dilemma because we have a duty not to hurt the feelings of the gift giver, but we also rightly feel that it's wasteful not to use something that might benefit someone else. After all, some people like orange-and-red sweaters, or the complete recorded works of Wayne Newton, or fruitcake.

The best solution to this dilemma is to fulfill all of the responsibilities before us. Re-gifting avoids waste and renays a debt of gratitude we owe to someone else. but it presents the risk that the original giver will be hurt if she or he discovers what we did

I thus propose the following guidelines for re-gifting:

■ Don't use the gift.

■ Re-gift soon, so that you don't risk re-gifting to the original giver.

■ Ensure that the new recinient doesn't know the original giver or is unlikely to run into him or her.

If there is a possibility that the original giver could learn about the re-gifting or if he or she expects to see you wearing the gift, consider asking for permission first, after letting him or her know how much you appreciate the thought behind the present. The person who understands that a gift is intended to be pleasing will understand.

Only someone with a fragile sense of self will be offended by such a request. If this describes the giver, either exercise extreme caution in re-gifting or wear that ugly sweater once or twice.

As long as the nerson who bestowed the unwelcome gift doesn't mind or won't find out, you can re-gift with a clear conscience, knowing that you have fulfilled your responsibilities as a friend and as a decent human being. Besides, you can bet that at least one of the gifts you'll soon receive was intended for someone else - not that there's anything wrong with that.

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By GARRY TRUDEAU

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OPINION

Russia exploits Ukraine's continental divide

ow more than ever, the bedrock idea on which U.S. foreign policy rests is that the nation's security is enhanced by the spread of democ-

racy. Since 9/11 the idea has been that security depends on democratization in nations George Will with slight, if any, traditions of popular sover-



of promoting democracy is a sharp scythe that can mow down more than the people wielding the tool might intend. In Ukraine's debased election, Rus-President Vladimir Putin twice

campaigned for the candidate who benefited from fraud, violence and other violations of civilized norms. incidents that seemed to bear Putin's signa ture. Commenting on Ukraine, Secretary of State Colin Powell said: "We cannot accept this result as legitimate because it does not meet international standards and because there has not been an investigation of the nu merous and credible reports of fraud and abuse

Which could have been said of President Putin's own re-election earlier this year. What President Bush said three years ago was that he had "a sense of" Putin's soulformed by 15 years in the KGB - and liked what he sensed: "We share a lot of values." Events in Russia have not tempered the president's reiterated insistence that "freedom is on the march

Putin stands athwart that march in Russia, where he has marginalized inconvenient parties, controlled the media and used the criminal justice system to intimidate poten tial rival sources of power and social authority. Now the Kremlin, which issued instructions to Ukrainian state-controlled media during the presidential campaign, seems determined to export Putinism to contiguous

Putin calls Viktor Yanukovych's 49.46 percent of the Ukrainian vote a "convincing victory over Viktor Yushchenko, Yushchenko received 46.61 percent in his challenge to the authoritarian regime that backed Yanuk ovych, who favors closer relations with Russia, in the manner of some other "managed democracies" among former Soviet repub-

Yushchenko favors Ukrainian membership in the European Union and, perhaps, in

Criminality against Yushchenko's campaign went beyond multiple instances of violence, intimidation and vote fraud. The Financial Times reports that when Yushchen ko appeared before a large crowd of support-ers in Kiev, and his face filled a large video screen, a woman exclaimed, "Oh, how terri-ble. He was so handsome." His pockmarked and scarred features are the result of what seems to have been a poisoning that felled him hours after dining with the head of Ukraine's secret service.

Russia's attempt to control Ukraine's destiny is partly a reverberation from the dissolution of the Soviet empire. Russia's desire to envelop Ukraine within its sphere of influence is a centuries-old Russian tendency. The novel impulse at work here is the transformation of "Europe" from a geographic into a political expression — and Putin's recoil against that.

In its admirably sharp criticism of Ukraine's election, the EU is postulating certain standards of civic hygiene integral to Eu-ropean identity. If the EU extends membership to Turkey, Europe's border will abut Iraq. And if, in time, Ukraine joins, Europe's border will be within 250 miles of Moscow.

The canon of European literature includes Pushkin, Chekhov, Dostoevsky and Tolstoy, but that does not settle the question of Russia's identity — its relationship to Eu-rope. Charles de Gaulle spoke of Europe extending from the Atlantic (in some of his



I DON'T LIKE THE LOOKS OF THIS - A VOTING BOOTH WITH AN IRON CURTAIN.

moods, from the English Channel) to the Ural Mountains. But there is a lot of Russia eight time zones of it — east of there.

Ukraine has been independent for 13 years — the length of time between America's declaration of independence and the election of its first president, when the cohe-sion of the national entity was in doubt. Talk of secession is rife in Ukraine's eastern, Russian-oriented region

The 19th century featured national consol-ations — the United States, Germany Italy, Belgium, etc. Recently, the disintegrative forces of religion, ethnicity and lan-guage have driven events in the former Yugoslavia, Iraq, the former Soviet Union and

Ukraine, where Catholicism and the Ukrainian language flourish in the west and Orthodox Christianity and Russian in the east, could be the latest cauldron to boil

The United States, with its foreign policy hostage to January elections by the Palestinian Authority and those in Iraq, has a stake in Ukrainian events that is much larger than its leverage. As Lech Walesa, hero of Poland's liberation, told a mass meeting of Yushchenko's supporters, Poland supports you but you must do this yourself.

The problem, in Ukraine and others among Russia's anxiously watching neigh-bors, is Putin. Perhaps Secretary Powell intended the wide arc of his scythe to encompass Moscow when he said that corrupt elections cannot create legitimate governments. George Will is a member of Washington Post Writers Group.

Desire to capture bin Laden stronger than tactics

The (Baltimore) Sur

he Pakistani army has pulled back from a tribal region where it was conducting a highly publicized and entirely fruitless hunt for Osama bin Laden. The operation, in an area known as South Waziristan, was reportedly conducted with American intelligence help from across the nearby Afghan border; it succeeded primarily in turning the local tribesmen fiercely against the government forces. In October, the Pakistani military was reduced to waging a campaign of aerial bombardment against recalcitrant villages

Now, according to an official announce ment, a newfound spirit of cooperation among the Wazirs will allow the army to abandon its checkpoints in the area. Some Pakistani officials say that no signs of the al-Qaida leader have been found, anyway, and that suggests to them that he's nowhere in the vicinity.

Others reserve judgment on that point but, in any case, using an army to chase after an individual is not only ineffective but often counterproductive - as Pakistan was discovering. The tribesmen are riled up, and from among them a new terrorist leader is emerging: Abdullah Mehsud, a one-legged 29-year-old whose two years at Guantanamo failed to curb his ardor or teach him respect for authority.

Released from Cuba in March, he orga nized the kidnapping of two Chinese engi-

neers this fall - one of whom was killed by government troops attempting a rescue - and then took credit for the bombing of a hotel in Islamabad last month. He has become a sensation in the Pakistani press, and has given President Pervez Musharraf considerably more to be concerned about than has the titular head of al-Oaida. He's also a good example of the way in which the United States succeeds in making enemies for itself.

Pakistan seems - perpetually at one tipping point or another. Right now the government is gingerly exploring

some sort of deal with India over Kashmir, in the northeast, and the last thing it needs is a fundamentalist uprising in the northwest. Defanging the Islamists is Musharraf's most crucial task, from his own point of view - but it coincides with American interests as well. It might, in the long run, also be the best way to catch bin Laden - if, in fact, he's still in the Pakistani mountains. Winning over the tribes rather than trying to pound them into submission could leave him with nowhere to run.

In that sense, then, the current pull-

back may be a good sign. But it's worth noting that no government - not the Pakistani government, nor the British colonial government before it - has ever succeeded in extending its writ over the tribal areas. If Musharraf is to succeed, even in part, it may mean dropping the pursuit of the al-Qaida leadership for now

The Bush administration should be natient on that score; though justice will be served by the eventual capture of bin Laden, it is more likely to be accomplished through stealth and ingenuity than by a clumsy and sometimes less-than-genuine frontal assault.

Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



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Inheritance claim

CA LOS ANGELES -The illegitimate son of a wealthy South Korean industrialist has filed a federal lawsuit claiming he was denied an inheritance after being given up for adoption in California 18 years ago.

Peter Roach, 26, sued his father's company, five half-siblings and others alleging fraud, negligence and emotional distress. He is seeking \$5 million, the Los Angeles Times reported.

Roach is the son of now-deceased industrialist Won Man Lee. founder of Kolon Industries Inc. and club hostess Mee Yeon Lee. whom he met in 1977 and took as a mistress for several years, the newspaper reported.

Kolon, a synthetic fibers and engineering plastics manufacturer, has annual sales of more than \$1

Loggers protest law

ME MADISON — Loggers throughout Maine say they're worried that a law meant to curtail liquidation harvesting in the state's forests will make it difficult for smaller operations to find wood next year when it takes effect. The law, supported by the Department of Conservation, bans the purchase of land for the purpose of wholesale harvesting of trees without regard to long-term forest-management principals.

Horse upsets teach-in

LUTZ — Waiting for surgery, his arm broken, 5-year-old Michael Ruiz couldn't get angry at the 1.000-pound gelding that fell on him.

Michael was among about 125 Schwarzkopf Elementary School kindergarteners for whom the usually serene Great American Teach-In got scary.

They were sitting around Attache, a 20-year-old American Sad-dlebred, when he got spooked, lurched forward, lost his footing and fell on his side

As the horse scrambled to get up, the trainer rushed to get it under control and teachers quickly tended to the students. Afterward about a dozen students complained of bumps, bruises or other injuries.

Robbery in vain

RALEIGH — A robber's crime was foiled when he couldn't find anything to steal.

Just after closing, an intruder shot the lock off the door of a Smithfield's Chicken 'N Bar-B-Q restaurant. The man climbed in through the broken glass door and combed the fast-food restaurant for items to take, said police Lt. T.L. Earnhardt, but could not break into the cash register.

Employees who were still in the restaurant escaped out the back door. The man fled before police

Grandma faces drug trial

ME BANGOR — The grand-mother of a Corinna man sentenced to 13 years in prison for burying 8 pounds of cocaine on her property has pleaded not guilty to



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drug trafficking.

Jeanne E. Rogers, 64, entered her plea in Penobscot County Superior Court. Rogers was arrested in connection with the drug trafficking operation her grandson, 25-year-old Jason Belmer, ran.

When police seized cocaine that was buried in Rogers' pool shed in September, Belmer fled and was the subject of a nationwide search for six weeks. He eluded police in Maine, Colorado and Kansas.

A trial date has not been set for Rogers, and details of her alleged involvement in her grandson's drug operation were not available.

Bus just too tall

NEW YORK — A tour bus that was four feet too tall to clear a highway overpass in New York City slammed into it, injuring some of the 49 passengers, authorities said.

Most injuries were minor, though two passengers were hospitalized - a boy with a crushed windpine and a woman who suffered chest pains, the Fire Department said.

The accident happened as the bus from Canada was traveling southbound on the Franklin D

Roosevelt Drive in Manhattan Police said the driver. Yu Yuk



Ready for riding

Red Mountain Fox Hounds junior member Dana McWilliams, 12, tries to fix a stirrup as her mount munches on some fresh grass near Rouge mont, N.C. She was one of about 30 riders who took part in the Red Mountain Fox Hounds hunt.

warning that vehicles higher than 9 feet 6 inches would not clear the overpass, a temporary structure for a construction project. The bus measured 13 feet 6

Ho. 56, was cited for driving an overweight vehicle, disobeying a sign and other infractions. Ho said he had driven that stretch of the FDR before and did not expect to encounter the overpass.

Blessed nuptials

WA TACOMA — There may not have been room at the inn, but they'd better make room at the altar.

Shortly after a performance of the Nativity at the Metropolitan Ballet of Tacoma, Dan Larson, portraying Joseph, got down on one knee and asked Amanda Thaut. Will you marry me

Thaut, who played Mary, quietly gasped, "Yes.

The audience at the Pantages The addicate at the rantages Theater was stunned. One of the wise men pumped his fist in the air and the shepherds and angels could barely contain their enthusi-

"I started planning it more than a year ago." Larson, 25, said later. "I wanted to make it something very special. Every part of my life is better because of her.'

Leadfoot truckers

PIKEVILLE - A state crackdown on overweight coal trucks is having a side effect - more truckers exceeding the sneed limit.

Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement commissioner Greg Howard said trucks can go faster when they're not bogged down with overweight loads, and some truckers may be taking advantage of that to speed up to haul more loads each day.

"We are beginning to get some complaints on speed, and we're addressing those," Howard said. "Of course, speed is easier to enforce than weight limits.

Howard said the number of overweight trucks has been drastically reduced in eastern Kentucky since the crackdown began, based on the number of violations officers are seeing

Suspected rock-thrower

ME WESTBROOK 16-year-old juvenile from Portland is believed to be the person who threw a rock from a Maine Turnpike overpass that cracked the windshield of a Maine State Police cruiser, injuring the trooper at the wheel, authorities said

Trooner Duane Doughty was driving north at about 10 p.m. when the rock came crashing down from the Brighton Avenue overpass, said Stephen McCausland, spokesman for the state Department of Public Safety.

Although the windshield did not shatter. Doughty was showered with glass fragments that struck his face and an eye. He was treated at Maine Medical Center for facial abrasions and was scheduled to see an eye specialist to determine the extent of any eye injuries, Mc-Causland said.



A child dressed as a clown makes a Clowning around face at parade watchers during the 32nd annual Children's Parade in downtown Dayton, Ohio.



Jade Eitner watches members of the Taking it all in USA Ballet company run through a practice of their upcoming performa nce of " 'Twas the Night Before Christmas" at the Academy of Ballet in Alamogordo, N.M.



Baylee, a 3-year-old Pekinese-Po-A canine Christmas meranian mix, sits for a portrait on Santa's lap at PetCo in Great Falls, Mont.



Preparing to leap Festival in Flint.

Ralph Arellano of Flint, Mich., waits to catch his granddaughter, Riley Arellano, 3, from the "Friendly Frog," during the Applewood Fall



Billy Kasprytzki of Alma, Ark., asks Dinner invitation a white-fronted goose, "Do you want some bread?" Kasprytzki and his wife, Kristi, were feeding the waterfowl at City Park in Van Buren, Ark.



Chilly afternoon Nayeli Holguin, right, pulls the hood of her coat over her face to use as a shield against the cold winds in El Paso, Texas. Nayeli and her mother. Tomasa, were waiting

to heard a hus.



Six-year-old Nathaniel Syverson and his father, Kent, use a wagon to Bringing holiday home haul home their family's Christmas tree from a neighborhood tree lot in Eau Claire. Wis, Kent Syverson said the wagon tree transport has become a family tradition.

Lava lamp blast kills 1

WA KENT — A man who placed a lava lamp on a hot stovetop was killed when it exploded and sent a shard of glass into his heart, police said.

Philip Quinn, 24, was found dead in his trailer home by his parents. "Why on earth he was heating a lava lamp on the stove, we don't know," Kent Police spokesman know,"

Paul Petersen said. After the lamp exploded, Quinn apparently stumbled into his bedroom, where he died, authorities

Police found no evidence of drug or alcohol use

Drag racing death

WESTMINSTER — A Put-ney man whom police said was drag racing lost control of his car and was killed along with two others in a head-on collision.

Tyler Gilbert, 23, was chasing another car when he crossed the center line and struck a car driven by Laura Sears Davis, 35, of Dummer ston, according to police.

Davis and a passenger, Brian Davis, 46, were killed as a result, police said. A 3-year-old girl and 5-year-old girl, whom police described as the Davises' nieces,

were also in the car. Vermont State Police said they suspect alcohol contributed to the crash Senior Trooper Jonathan Graham is continuing the investigation and awaiting autonsy results.

Studying freshman life

MD ANNAPOLIS — In his first weeks as a freshman at St. John's College, Roger "Rusty" Martin missed two days of crew practice. He feared the coach might cut him from the team, but he had legitimate reasons: CT scans and a checkup with his oncologist.

The 61-year-old was four years removed from a battle with melanoma that nearly killed him.

Martin, the president of Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, Va., is the oldest freshman at St. John's by four decades

Martin went back to school this vear because he wanted to study the freshman experience in a way that would be impossible from the president's office. So he took a semester-long sabbatical from the top of the academic food chain to dwell at the bottom

Reasons for foster care

VA RICHMOND — A study shows that thousands of parents have placed their children in Virginia foster care because they want their kids to get men tal-health services that would be otherwise unaffordable.

The report commissioned by the General Assembly shows that 2.008 of the 8.702 children in foster care - or nearly one-quarter - appeared "to be in custody to obtain treatment." The study, which used data from the Department of Social Services, is based on children in foster care as of June 1.

The report's recommendations to the General Assembly include increasing funding for the Comprehensive Services Act, which is designed to provide money for mental health services for children. and helping families access private insurance for mental health comicos

Five killed in collision

MARION — Five people were killed in an accident on Interstate 57 near Marion, state police said. A northbound van from Chicago carrying a family of four crossed the median and struck a vehicle head-on, killing everyone in the van and the driver of the vehicle. The accident closed the interstate for about five hours. A third vehicle that was behind the second one also was hit. The six people in that car were treated for minor iniuries at the scene. Minor said.

College alcohol ban

WA SEATTLE — Students at Seattle Pacific University voted overwhelmingly last spring to ease the 113-year-old Christian school's alcohol ban, but administrators still don't plan to do so.

The school bans any consumption by students or faculty, even off campus. Officials say the ban promotes a healthy lifestyle. Many students say the Bible does not prohibit moderate drinking.

Health insurance guide

NY ALBANY — A guide for consumers and physicians to maximize health insurance coverage for the growing problem of obesity is scheduled for release.

"Focus On: Overcoming Obesi" will be available online through the state Attorney General's Office and was based on complaints and concerns from consumers to the office Many consumers simply give up trying to navigate the forms and restrictions even if their health plan covers obesity treatment from counseling and drugs to gastric bynass surgery, said Attorney General Eliot Spitzer.

The report relates complaints to the Attorney General's Office, without naming the patients. The stories include a woman who faced denial because the health plan changed its lengthy preconditions while she sought care, and another who appealed initial denials that the treatment wasn't medically necessary.

Elephant retirement

CA SAN FRANCISCO — The lone Asian elephant at the San Francisco Zoo was moved to a sanctuary for abandoned and abused performing animals in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

But the American Zoo and Aquarium Association says it hasn't accredited the refuge for 38-year-old Tinkerbelle, and may refuse to renew the zoo's accreditation

Victims reimbursed

MA BOSTON — The Clients' Se-curity Board, a little-known arm of the state Supreme Judicial Court, returned more than \$2.4 million to 99 Massachusetts residents who were victimized by bad lawyers, the CSB reported. The \$2.4 million awarded this

vear resulted from 26 lawvers who defrauded clients.

Formed 30 years ago, the seven attorneys on the CSB volunteer their time to reimburse eligible clients who have been defrauded. The 47,500 lawyers practicing in the Bay State contribute \$40 of their yearly \$220 registration free to fund the CSB.

Stories and photos from wire services

You are:

Cool!

J Horoscope

The moon void of course this morning contributes to the general mood of restlessness and anticipation of ... what? That sense of not knowing is both maddening and delicious. As long as we stay in the dark, whatever it is behind the proverbial door No. 3 becomes the projection of

all our hopes. What are you wishing for? TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (December 3). Life is as fancy free as you allow it to be. Loved ones influence you in new ways - your interests are changing, and your relationships bloom with the shift. Get out of town, and take a well-deserved break next month Luck comes from the people you meet on your journeys, especially water signs (Pisces, Scorpio and

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Just when a situation starts to feel

like it's taking over your life, a friend offers a chance for adventure. You remember adventure, right? Consider how many of the seven wonders of the world you've seen. Explore.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You usually can be counted on as the emotional rock, the stabilizing force, the one who soldiers on no matter what. So the effusively senti mental mood you're in today is seen as an anomaly and may amuse loved ones

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your role as "whistle-blower" is

tough for you, as you are used to being liked by all sides. You'll be the one to spot the element of the plan (or the character involved) that is on the shifty side (if not downright indecent or dangerous).

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Bring plenty of initiative to the table When you dare to want more, you're more likely to find a way to get

more. Someone who knows the secret shortcuts is nearby. Turn up your instinct, and locate this person

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The super volcano that is now Yellov stone devastated the Western Hemi sphere some 640,000 years ago. Now, it's the first and most fantastic national park. There's hope for that area of your life you currently think is a catastrophe.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).

You can't believe what you hear Someone close may be **Holiday Mathis** trying to smirch a per ceived rival by spreading false rumors. Sticking up for the underdog is just one of the ways you make a difference in this crazy world.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Life is a game, and you are, in the hippest sense of the word, a player. A clever

maneuver you make in the early part of a project gives you the edge that will keep you in the lead

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Sometimes in life, as in chess, a nawn must be sacrificed in order to gain an attacking position. Be smart. Make sure you completely under-

stand your role in a situation. See that the pawn isn't you SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You relate your story well. In fact, you're such a witty teller of

anecdotes that you'll be invited to see new places and get to know new people. It's fun to care for the non-verbal ways you communicate to the world, too

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll find yourself being reviewed in some way. Others shiver and shake under such circumstances, but you're as ready and cool as a Swiss Alps ski vacation. You coast your way into a beautiful offering

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You have no time to waste. Then again, you have never considered taking a different route home or venturing into the unknown to be a waste of time! A field trip is featured, especially one that is short, direct and memorable.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).

You're not alone in what you believe, but your communication style is pretty unique. Finding people you relate to is the unconscious quest of the day. A witty gambit opens a fascinating conversation.

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Dear Abby

The needle and the damage done

Dear Abby: A person very dear to my heart, "Ruth," has always donated to her community blood drives. It's a form of philanthropy she enjoys. Ruth remarried a few months ago and asked her new husband, "Tony,"

to attend the blood drive with her. His reply left her stunned and changed her life forever. Tony confided that in his vouth, he had been a needle-type drug user and now he can't give

Mind you, Tony is a good, hardworking, straight-arrow man now. but he was foolish in his youth. When Ruth went to the blood drive, she was asked: "In the past 12 months have you slept with anyone who has ever used a needle?" She explained that yes, as a teenager, her husband had done drugs. She was told that as long as she is with Tony, she can't give

blood anymore. Ruth is hurt and angry at her husband for what he took from her. I feel lost as a friend about what to say to help

Abby, Tony's drug use was more than 27 years ago. Is Ruth right that this will

follow them forever and she can never give blood again?

– Gift of Life Gone in Maryland Dear Gift: Your letter is a pertinent reminder that youthful experi-

mentation can have lifelong consequences. Those rules were established for a good reason — to protect our

blood supply It might lift your friend's spirits if you remind her that there are

other things she can do to contribute to her community. She could volunteer to work at the blood drive in some capacity other than a donor. She could also hold a bake sale to raise funds for

ing her husband at this late date. she should respect the rules and explore her other options.

Dear Abby: My nephew, who is also my godson, has decided to marry my youngest step daughter. Which side of the church should I sit on — the bride's or the groom's side? My husband and children think I should sit on the groom's side. I am afraid someone will feel hurt no matter what I do.

> - Betwixt and Between in Florida

Dear Betwixt: Ask your nephew and stepdaughter where they would like you to sit and abide by their decision. The alternative would be to bring a folding chair and sit in the middle

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Yesterday's

STOOP APRON MEDLEY Jumbles: Answer: What her college-bound son did when Mom taught him to do laundry -- "SOAKED" IT UP

Brother teaching niece intolerance

Dear Annie: My cousin, "Steve," is a homosexual. He is very nice and compassionate, but lives far away, and we see him only once or twice a

My brother never had a good relationship with Steve, and the old conflicts have now started to reappear. At a recent family gathering, my niece told my daughter that Steve was a "bad man" because he's gay and not to be nice to him or "you could catch the disease

I was shocked to hear these cruel statements coming from such an innocent child's mouth until I learned that my brother had been teaching her these things. I'm horrified that this has been going on, but reluctant to start yet another conflict. What should I do?

 Tolerant Cousin Dear Cousin: Shame on your brother for deliberately reinforcing ignorance in his own child and teaching her to be intolerant



Make sure your own Annie's Mailbox children are better informed, and if your niece should say any of these things in your presence, feel free to correct her misimpres sions. Unfortunately, unless you are willing to get into a fight with your brother, you cannot otherwise tell him how to raise his child

Dear Annie: I have

been happily married for over 20 years to a wonderful man who is 10 years younger. The age difference has never been an issue until recently, when my husband decided to wash the years out of his hair. The distinguished and very attractive gray is completely gone. He looks quite youthful, and now our age difference is very notice-

All these years I have tried to look my best in a wholesome way - healthy lifestyle, practical makeup and a positive attitude This latest development makes me feel old. My husband refuse to take my concerns seriously. He laughingly says it's HIS hair, HIS body, HIS choice and it's no big

My annoyance is now turning to frustration and obsession. Should I be considering plastic surgery? - The Older Wife

Dear Older Wife: Do you have reason to suspect your husband's new look is a sign of dissatisfaction with you or an effort to make himself more attractive to younger women? If so, plastic surgery isn't going to fix it, and if not, it is a drastic step to take because you

are feeling insecure. If the situation were reversed, ıld you consider it a problem? Probably not. Unless you believe something else is going on, please

don't turn this into "Extreme Makeover." Remember, the most important thing is a youthful attitude. Talk to your husband about your fears so he can reas-

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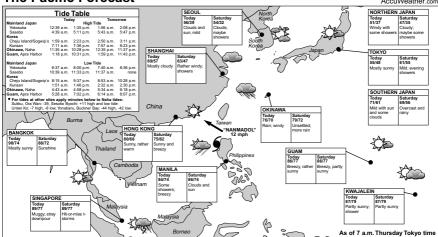


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The Pacific Forecast

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Extended Forecasts

Sunday: Morning rain high 70, low 49. Monday: Mostly sunny, high 50, low 42.

KADENA Sunday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 79, low 65. Monday: Partly sunny.

high 72, low 61.

SEOUL Sunday: Partly sunny, high 45, low 29. Monday: Partly sunny, high 45, low 25

MANILA Sunday: Showers,

high 88, low 74. Monday: Periods of clouds and sunshine. high 86, low 74.

HAGATNA Sunday: Showers, high 88, low 77.

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Wednesday's USA Temperatures

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Baltimore	58/34	Milwaukee	41/25
Birmingham	52/33	Nashville	50/26
Bismarck	35/21	New York	58/40
Boise	36/22	Omaha	41/22
Boston	56/36	Orlando	81/58
Brownsville	68/54	Philadelphia	60/36
Buffalo	49/32	Phoenix	64/38
Burlington	42/29	Pittsburgh	47/30
Charleston, SC	69/41	Portland, OR	47/34
Charlotte	63/35	Portland, ME	50/30
Cleveland	45/30	Salt Lake City	29/16
Columbus, OH	44/29	St. Louis	48/31
Duluth	28/12	San Antonio	62/39
El Paso	56/28	San Diego	63/44
Hartford	55/35	San Juan	84/72
Helena	38/18	Tampa	79/58
Indianapolis	43/28	Tulsa	55/33
Jacksonville	73/44	Washington	61/38
Kansas City	45/27	Wichita	48/28



U.S. Extended Forecast

Friday, a fast-moving area of low pressure will bring snow and flurries to the Upper Midwest and parts of the Great Lakes. Meanwhile, a few flurries will fly in New England. Showers will affect southern Texas on occasion. High pressure over the Rockies will keep the region dry and chilly. The Plains and Southeast will be tranquil as well. Although plenty of clouds will form over the Northwest, rain will hold off until the weekend. This rain will wet Washington, Oregon and northern California Saturday. Showers will continue to affect southern Texas. The weekend will be chilly across the Northeast with scattered flurries and enow showers

Friday's Pacific Temperatures

Friday's World Temperatures

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Foster - 1993 Toyota Lite Ace FXV Limited: JCl until Jun 2005. \$1,800.00 OBO. Power windowslocks/minoralsumoots/seat. Backing and clearance sonal Just got another vehicle and have to get rid of this on. Call Troy (W) 645-3614 or (H) 935-4117. Courtney - 1991 Toyota Surf excellent condition. White with brand new 31' tires never been driven off road. JCI 02/05. Call 964-4324 \$4000.00 OBO.

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Ole Miss fires Cutcliff

OXFORD, Miss. - Mississippi coach David Cutcliffe was fired Wednesday after his first losing season in six years with the Rebels

football briefs

Ole Miss officials informed Cutcliffe of the decision early Wednesday and Cutcliffe met with the

team before an afternoon news conference. "This has been a tough

day, but tough times don't last ... tough people do," Cutcliffe said. Cutcliffe declined to discuss specifics of his dismissal

"We just couldn't come to an agreement," he said. "We couldn't get everything on the

same page."
Athletic director Pete Boone was also scheduled to talk with reporters.

Cutcliffe was 44-29 in six seasons at Ole

Miss, 25-23 in the Southeastern Conference, and just a season removed from going 10-3 and finishing tied for first in the SEC West with Eli Manning at quarterback

But without Manning, the first pick in the NFL Draft, Ole Miss slipped to 4-7, its worst season in 10 years. The Rebels were 3-5 in the SEC and lost four games by a total of 19 points.

Besieged BYU coach Crowton steps down

PROVO, Utah — BYU coach Gary Crowton stepped down after being asked to resign Wednesday, ending a four-year stint with the Cougars that began with 12 straight victories

and finished with three straight losing seasons. BYU was 5-6 this season and Crowton went 14-21 over the past three years, the school's worst three-year run since the early 1960s. BYU athletic director Tom Holmoe said

during a news conference with Crowton that the coach was asked for his resignation.

"At this time I feel like it's time for me to step down and let the football program move

on in a different direction," Crowton said. He replaced LaVell Edwards, who turned BYU into one of the most successful and entertaining programs in the country before retir-

ing after 29 years as Cougars coach When I took the job, following LaVell Edwards was the biggest challenge," Crowton

Crowton was a former Cougars assistant who was working as offensive coordinator with the Chicago Bears when he was tapped

by BYU after the 2000 season. Crowton returned to Provo with a wide-open offense that was prolific his first season and

brought back memories of BYU at its best, with Edwards guiding quarterbacks such as Steve Young, Jim McMahon and Ty Detmer. The Cougars were 12-0 in his first season before losing their final two games.

The 2003 season was BYU's worst in 30 years. The Cougars went 4-8, won only one home game and ended the season with a 3-0 loss to rival Utah that snapped a 28-year run

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DiNardo out as Indiana's coach

DiNardo, who has two years left on his con tract, had an 8-27 record in three seasons that

were marked by declining attendance.
Fred Eichhorn, president of the school's

2001 season. After the rout by Purdue, he said "this was just about the worst day we've had as a team



dured its worst season in 10 years.

INDIANAPOLIS - Gerry DiNardo was fired as Indiana's football coach after a 3-8 sea son that ended with a 63-24 loss to Purdue, the Hoosiers' seventh defeat in eight years to their state rival.

Board of Trustees, said Wednesday that DiNardo was dismissed during a meeting Tuesday.

DiNardo replaced Cam Cameron after the

Firing of Willingham hurts BCA

BY MICHAEL MAROT The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS Notre Dame selected Tyrone Will-ingham as its head coach three years ago, Richard Lapchick called it the most important hire

for Diversity and Ethics in Sport at the University of Central Flori-da, believes Willingham's firing parture of two other black coach-

'I've heard a lot of white head knew if I worked hard and pre

The moves leave only two black head coaches in place for next sea-son in Division I-A football: Karl Dorrell at UCLA and Sylvester

cally black institutions such as Grambling are excluded, there are no black head coaches. In 1998, the number of I-A

The firings are a blow for the Coaches Association which since 2002 has attempted to make minority hiring a more prominent issue.

who are pursuing coaching at the Division I-A level," said BCA ex-ecutive director Floyd Keith. "It's still going to be tough."

in college football history.

Lapchick, head of the Institute

Tuesday - coupled with the dees in the past eight days - sends a different message

coaches say when they're hired, 'I pared hard and produced good football players, I'd get a chance to be a head coach,' " Lapchick said. "African-Americans don't have that same dream. It's a dream deferred."

Croom at Mississippi State. In Division I-AA, when histori-

black coaches reached a record number of eight. This season, there were five

"This action sends an alarming message to African-Americans

Bowl games

Tuesday, Dec. 14 New Orleans Bowl (as (7-4) vs. Southern Tuesday, Dec. 21 Champs Sports Bow At Orlando, Fla.

(8-5) VS. Bowling Green
Thursday, Dec. 23
Fort Worth (Fexas) Bowl
Cincinnati (6-5) vs. Marshall (6-5)
Las Vegas Bowl
Wyoming (6-5) vs. Pac-10 No. 4/5
Friday, Dec. 24

vs. WAC Monday, Dec. 27 MPC Computers Bor At Boise, Idaho /irginia (8-3) Motor City Bowl At at Pontiac, Mich

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Wednesday, Dec. 25
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Alamo Bowl
At San Antonio
te (7-4) vs. Big 12 No. 4
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Emerald Bowl At San Francisco xico (7-4) vs. Navy (8-2) Holiday Bowl At San Diego io. 2 vs. Big 12 No. 3 Silicon Valley Classic At San Jose, Calif.

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Monday, Jan. 3 Sugar Bowl At New Orleans

BCS1 vs. BCS2

List: Notre Dame courting Meyer

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'I guess I'm one of those guys. I try to avoid it," Meyer said. can only avoid it for so long. I'm not going to have a team meeting to discuss it. I think our guys are still focused."

The 40-year-old Meyer has been mentioned for other jobs.

He's declined comment on the Florida opening ever since Ron Zook was fired last month. Mever has only said he and his family are happy in Utah and he plans on coaching there a long time.

Meyer left Notre Dame for his first head coaching job, at Bowling Green. He quickly turned around the Falcons, going 8-3 and 9-3 before moving to Utab in 2003. The Utes were 10-2 last season.

"He's a great coach and he's obviously had a lot of success," Utah quarterback Alex Smith said. "Whenever you're successful, somebody's going to want a piece of you. Right now, they're going to want him."

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as. AFN-Sports, 12:30 p.m.—NBA: Cleveland at Denver, John J. 2005. Cereband da AFN-Sports, 5 p.m.—NBA: Inside the NBA. AFN-Sports, 5 p.m.—Women's college baseball: Duke at Tennessee (ddd). Chable NBA: AFN-Sports, 8 p.m.—College based (ddd). AFN-Sports, 11 p.m.—College football: Mid-American Conference championship, Miami, Ohio vs. Tofedo at Detroit (ddi).

Saturday

AFN-Sports, 9:30 a.m.-NBA: Detroit at San Antonio. **AFN-Atlantic, 9:30 a.m.**—College basketball: Memphis at Purdue.

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College football

AP Top 25 schedule

Saturday, Dec. 4
No. 1 Southern Cal vs. UCLA
No. 2 Oklahoma vs. Colorado at Kansas
City, Mo.
No. 3 Auburn vs. No. 15 Tennessee at Atlan-NO. 3 Autom v. No. 2 ta No. 4 California at Southern Miss No. 7 Louisville vs. Tulane No. 9 Miami vs. No. 10 Virginia Tech No. 19 Pittsburgh at South Florida

Division I-AA playoffs

Squarterfinals
Saturday, Dec. 4
Delaware (9-3) at William & Mary (10-2)
James Madison (10-2) at Furman (10-2)
New Hampshire (10-2) at Montana (10-2)
Sam Houston State (10-2) at Eastern Wash
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Semifinals

Friday, Dec. 10 or Saturday, Dec. 11
Sam Houston State-Eastern Washing Sam Houston State-Eastern Washin, winner vs. Montana-New Hampshire wir Delaware-William & Mary winner James Madison-Furman winner Championship Friday, Dec. 17 At Finley Stadium/Davenport Field Chattanooga, Tenn. Semifina

Division II playoffs

Semifinals Saturday, Dec. 4 West Chester (11-3) at Valdosta State (11-1) North Dakota (11-2) at Pittsburg St. (13-0)

North Dakota (17-2) at Pittsburg St. (19 Championship Saturday, Dec. 11 At Braly Municipal Stadium Florence, Ala. North Dakota-Pittsburg St. winner West Chester-Valdosta State winner

Division III Playoffs

Quarterfinals Saturday, Dec. 4 Delaware Valley (12-0) at Rowan (9-2) Mary Hardin-Baylor (11-1) at Washington Carthage (11-1) at Mount Union (11-0) Occidental (10-1) at I_infield (10-0) Semifinals Occidental-Linfield winner vs. Delaware

Valley-Rowan winner Mary Hardin-Baylor-Washington & Jeffer-son winner vs. Carthage-Mount Union win-Championship Saturday, Dec. 18 Stagg Bowl At Salem Stadium

Sa Semifinal winners NAIA playoffs

Semifinals Saturday, Dec. 4 Georgetown, Ky. (12-0) at St. Francis, Ind.

Azusa Pacific (11-2) at Carroll, Mont. (9-2)

Championship
Saturday, Dec. 18
At Jim Carroll Stadium
Hardin Couty, Tenn.
Georgetown, Ky.-St. Francis, Ind. winner
vs. Azusa Pacific-Carroll, Mont. winner

College basketball

AP Men's Top 25 fared

Tuesday

1. Wake Forest (5-0) did not play. Next; at No. 5 Illinois, Wednesday. 2. Kansas (3-0) did not play. Next: vs. Pacif-

2. Kansas (3-0) did not play. Next: vs. Pacific, Saturday.
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Next: vs. Se. Orgina, Sunday.
5. Illinois (4-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 1. Wake Forest, Wednesday.
6. Oklahoma State (4-0) did not play. Next: vs. Washington State, Saturday.
7. Connecticut (2-0) beat Florida Interna-7.

connecticut (2-0) beat Flórida Interna tional 99-48. Next: vs. Indiana, Saturday, 8. Kentucky (4-0) beat Tennessee Tecl 92-63. Next: at No. 9 North Carolina, Satur day.

day.
9. North Carolina (4-1) did not play. Next: at Indiana, Wednesday.
10. Duke (4-0) beat Np. 11 Michigan State 81-74. Next: vs. Valparaiso, Saturday.

11. Michigan State (3-1) lost to No. 10 Duke 81-74. Next: vs. George Washington, Satur-

81-74. Wext: vs. secrept wasningson, assurday.

32. Maryland (3-1) lost to No. 25 Wisconsin 60-64. Next: vs. George Mason, Saturday.

13. Pittsburgh (3-0) did not play. Next: vs. St. Francis, Pa., Wednesday.

14. Washington (4-0) did not play. Next: us. 15. Mississippli State. (5-1) did not play. Next: vs. South Alabata. Thursday.

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Next: vs. South Alabata. Sunday.

16. North Carolina State (5-0) did not piay. Next: vs. Manhattan, Sunday. 17. Louisville (3-1) did not play. Next: vs. Lafayette, Saturday. 18. Texas (4-1) did not play. Next: at Seton

Hall, Saturday, 19. Florida (4-0) beat Florida A&M 88-51. Next: vs. Miami, Saturday, 20. Notre Dame (3-0) did not play. Next: at

Michigan, Saturday, beat Wyoming 98-70. Next: vs. No. 15 Mississippi State, Sunday. 22. Alabama (4-1) did not play. Next: vs. TANK MCNAMARA

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Colorado St. 64, Pepperdine 58
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Girls basketball Tuesday's summary Yokota 85, Yokohama International 14 At Yokohama, Japan Leading scorers—Yokota, Andrevia Tho-mas 19, Victoria Sanders 15, China Roach 13, Kiki Howell 10, Leading rebounder—Yokota,

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Tuesday's transactions BASEBALL

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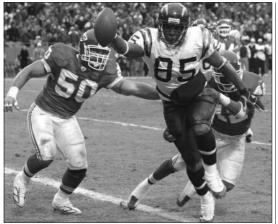
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WOULDN'T THE NECK GIVE AN UNFAIR ADVANTAGE OVER THE OTHER CARS?



San Diego Chargers tight end Antonio Gates (85) scores one of his two touchdowns against Kansas City on Sudnay. Gates is second in the league in receptions and has scored 11 touchdowns.

Gates has created new hoopla

Basketball player turning heads as NFL TE

BY BERNIE WILSON The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO - The closest Antonio Gates gets to basketball these days is on his PlayStation.

He's still somewhat of a curiosity, for sure, the former power forward who helped take Kent State within a game of the 2002 Final Four

Sunday As every Sunday passes, though, his hoops career grows more distant. Gates continues to emerge as one of the NFL's top playmakers, a seemingly unstopnable tight end who's helping power the surprising San Diego Chargers toward a long-sought playoff berth.

On Sunday, he caught two more touchdown passes from Drew Brees to help the Chargers beat Kansas City 34-31 and improve to 8-3 atop the AFC West. Gates had a better game than 'ony Gonzalez, Kansas City's

Tony five-time Pro Bowl tight end and a former college hoops star himself, who had zero TD catches. Gates has caught 11 of Brees'

21 touchdown passes and needs one more to tie the NFL record for tight ends, which is shared by four players.

He's already broken Hall of Famer Kellen Winslow's team record for touchdowns in a season by a tight end, 10 in 1981.

"For me, just being the kind of guy that I am, to hear all these special things — it's kind of like mind-boggling," said Gates, who didn't play football in college. "I play to have fun regardless of the records and the comparisons. I'm trying to build an identity for Antonio Gates.

On one hand, that's not a prob-

"You see what the guy's doing; I see him having a long and pros-perous career in this league," Brees said. "When people see him make the Pro Bowl this year. if he hasn't turned a lot of heads

already, he will then." Gates continues to baffle defenses and make fans forget "Marty Ball," the plodding, run-oriented offense once favored by coach Marty Schottenheimer. At times, offensive coordinator Cam Cameron has had Gates line up as a wide receiver and in

Gates is second in the NFL with 69 catches (for 795 yards), one behind Tennessee's Derrick Mason He's scored the same number of touchdowns as teammate LaDainian Tomlinson. Only three players have scored more TDs: Priest Holmes. Terrell Owens and Shaun Alexander.

the backfield.

The Chargers used to be brutal The Chargers used to be brutal on third down, which is now when the 6-foot-4, 260-pound Gates makes some of his biggest plays. He leads the NFL with 24 third-down catche five for touchdowns. catches, including

"He's up there because of the atchups he creates," Brees said. 'We've put him out there on corners and he's beat them on fades. beat them on slants, beat them on whatever we need to beat them on. He can do that. He's that kind of athlete."

Gates remains humble about his success and isn't ready to put himself in the company of players such as Owens and Gonzalez

"They've done it time after time, year in, year out," he said. "I just consider myself as an imperative role for this offense. Whatever this offense asks me to do, that's what I've got to do. You

want to feel part of something and I think right now I'm part of some thing special, this offense."

Gates, who joined the Chargers

as an undrafted rookie in May 2003, is still learning.

Schottenheimer talked to him last week about running better after making a catch. Then Gates took off for a 51-yard gain on a fourth-quarter pass play on Sunday, only to have it come back when the Chargers were whistled for an illegal formation.

"But I did make sure that I alert-

ed him he did a terrific job in that regard," Schottenheimer said.

would be less than fair to him to say that it was anything less than remarkable," Schottenheimer said. "You look at the fact that he's kind of swept on the scene. I think it's become very, very obvious that while people mention the basketball, he's certainly establishing his performance level to the point that really, that's what he is, a terrific National Football League receiver. And I didn't say 'tight end.' I said 'receiver

but doesn't play pickup games anymore in order to stay focused on football

"When I played basketball, they always looked at me as a footplayer. When I was hitting 34, they were like, 'He's a football player.' When I was scoring two, three touchdowns, it was like, 'This is a basketball player we're

"If Cam tells me to step back and shoot the three, I can do that," he said.

NFL statistics

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Gates still watches hoops on TV He knows people will always as-

sociate him with his hoops career. talking about."

Gates has fun with the comparisons, especially with him and the Chargers are doing so well.

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Team statistics **Team statistics** AVERAGE PER GAME AVERAGE PER GAME OFFENSE

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DEFENSE Yards 244.2 279.4 280.8 75.4 96.8 107.7 Pass 168.8 182.5 173.1 Pittsburgh Buffalo Baltimore Miami New York Jets Denver New England 101.3 96.8 103.9 195.1 200.8 Tennessee San Diego Jacksonville Cleveland Cincinnati 311.7 313.5 322.7 337.0 115.3 79.1 106.0 131.6 196.5 234.5 216.7 205.4 Houston Kansas City 113.3

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Patriots CB Law seeks to return in a couple weeks

FOXBORO, Mass. — Ty Law has been riding an exercise bike instead of backpedaling to cover receivers. He'd prefer to get off the bike and back on the field for the New England Patriots before the



playoffs.
"I feel like the Tour de France right now," the four-time Pro Bowl cornerback said Wednesday. "I probably can do a couple of

miles."

Law just had the cast taken off his broken left foot this week, wears a removable boot to take pressure off it and watches his team — and its inexperienced

comerbacks — keep winning without him. He was injured Oct. 31 ar Pitsburgh and feels fortunate that he didn't need surgery. Since that game, New England's only loss this season, the Patriots are 4-0. His replacements include Troy Brown, the third leading receiver in club history, rookie free agent Randall Gay and ex-practice squad player Earthwind Moreland.

"The young guys are getting a lot of experience. The team is doing great and they're holding down the fort till I get back," Law said.

They've also filled in for the other starting cornerback, Tyrone Poole, who missed the past six games with a knee injury and appears closer to returning than Law

"Day by day, week by week," Poole said Wednesday. "We're 10-1. We're in a good seat so there's no

need to rush it."

Poole was on the field before last Sunday's 24-3 home win over Baltimore "just to test" his knee, he said. "Why go out and risk injury?"

said. "Why go out and risk injury?"

New England has simplified the cornerback assignments without Law and Poole. Both players would like to return for a few regular-season games

to get ready for the playoffs.

"It's whatever my body can tolerate," said Law, who often has played with injuries during his 10-year career. "When can I come back? That, I don't know. I'm just trying to get back as soon as possible, but I think that I'll be back, definitely, a few games (before the end of) the regular season."

Jets prepare QB Pennington to play

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. — On his first day back under center with the first-team offense, Chad Pennington went for it all.

He lofted a deep pass for Justin McCareins, hitting the receiver in stride. His teammates were relieved. So was Pennington.

"It kind of raised your eyebrow, like, 'Oh, OK, got through that one OK,' "Pennington said Wednesday after taking most of the snaps with the starters during practice. "Let's move on to the next one."

Pennington has missed the past three games with a strained right rotator cuff and is listed as questionable for Sunday's game against Houston. But if there are no setbacks with his shoulder, Pennington will start.

NFL injury update

Injuries to prominent NFL players, followed by tean sis. (See Saturday's edition for complete injury repo

by the league):
Bears: LB Brian Urlacher (calf) questionable.
Dolphins: LB Zach Thomas (hamstring) will not play Sunday.
Packers: TE David Martin (strained knee) out for season.
Raiders: RB Tyrone Wheatley (hamstring) will not play Sunday.
Ravens: RB Jamal Lewis (ankle) not expected to play Sunday
TE Todd Heap (ankle) status uncertain; CB Delon Sanders (toe)
status uncertain; CB Chris McAlister (shoulder) status uncertain.

Coach Herman Edwards and Pennington want to see how the shoulder responds to three straight days of practice before making a decision Friday.

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All signs point to the return of the franchise quarterback, who was hurt Nov. 7 at Buffalo after a scramble. Without their leader, the Jets (8-3) have won two of three and stayed in the playoff hunt, but

the offense has been anything but pretty.
They have scored only 23 points in wins at Arizona and Cleveland. The Browns just gave up 58 points last week in a loss to Cincinnati.

OB Hutchinson to start for Bears

LAKE FOREST, Ill. — Chad Hutchinson was about to go surfing near his Southern California home two months ago when he got a call from the Chicago Bears.

They weren't promising anything, only a roster spot and the possibility of playing for a team that goes through quarterbacks like practice jerseys. But for a guy who went from being the next Troy Aikman to a pre-training camp castoff, it was more than enough

"It's awesome. This is all I can ask for," he said.
"Two months ago I was like, 'Man, I just want to get
back in the game to just get an opportunity,' and my
opportunity is here. For me, I'm just so excited because this is what I love to do and it's another opportunity to do it."

Hutchinson will start against the Minnesota Vikings on Sunday, the Bears' fourth quarterback this

"Last time I put so much pressure on myself to be the next Troy Aikman when it wasn't really feasible," he said. "This time I'm going to do the little things that will help me get better as a quarterback in the NFL I'm going to have fun because this is an-

Hutchinson showed great promise in two seasons at Stanford, throwing for 4.25 yards and 20 touch-downs with a completion rate of 60 percent. But as good a football player as he was, he was just as good — or better — as a pricher. The right-hander was 10-5 with a 4.89 ERA and 1.15 strikeouts his junior season, and the St. Louis Cardinals took him in the

He spent most of the next four years in the minor leagues, making a brief appearance in the majors in April 2001. After compiling a 24.75 ERA in three appearances, Hutchinson went back to the minors and realized he still wanted to play football.

Redskins' Taylor pleads not guilty to drunken driving charge

FAIRFAX, Va. — Washington Redskins rookie safety Sean Taylor plans to call teammates as witnesses to say he was sober when he was arrested for

drunken driving on Oct. 27.

Taylor pleaded not guilty Wednesday to the charge and his trial was rescheduled for Jan 5.

charge, and his trial was rescheduled for Jan. 5.
Taylor had been at a birthday party for wide receiver Rod Gardner on Oct. 27.

"There were a number of witnesses who were with him that night," attorney Warren McLain said. "He's in an embarrassing situation. He feels he's in-

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Injury-ravaged Ravens press on

The Associated Press

OWINGS MILLS, MD. — Going into the season's stretch run, Baltimore Ravens quarterback Kyle Boller has found he's had to learn faster than he might have expected.

That's because key compotion of the offense continue to be plagued by injuries. Running back Jamal Lewis is slated to miss at least one more week with an ankle injury. Tight end Todd Heap's status is uncertain due to a bad ankle sprain.

"Obviously, we missed some guys from earlier in the season and now we're missing Todd and Jamal," Boller said Wednesday. "Would they help us out? Definitely. But the guys that have been in there have done a great job stepping up and handling the situa-

non."

Baltimore, 7-4 and tied for the AFC's sixth and final playoff spot, is a team that boasted an NFL-best eight Pro Bowl selections last year.

This season, those players alone have missed or will miss the equivalent of 33 games to injuries and suspensions, including linebacker Peter Boulware, who will miss the entire year with toe and knee ailments.

Heap participated in Wednesday's practice and looks as though he could be ready to play Sunday when the Ravens host Cincinnati (5-6), a team that has rallied to win four of its past six games.

As for Lewis, he missed two midseason games due to a league-mandated suspension and sat out last Sunday's 24-3 loss at New England with an ankle injury he incurred against Dallas.

"They'll play when they play," head coach Brian Billick said. "I've given up trying to figure it

Among those pressed into service, running back Chester Taylor has carried for 60 yards or more four times this year, including a 61-yard, 16-carry effort against the Patriots.

At tight end, Daniel Wilcox has contributed 19 catches and one touchdown, while former free agent Darnell Dinkins hauled in three passes, one for a score, against the Cowboys.

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Boller is improving. His passing rating has been consistently above 70 this year. He finished

above /0 this year. He finished his rookie season at 62.4. "We're throwing the ball more than in the beginning of the season" Boller said "That's allowed



we've found out that we can."

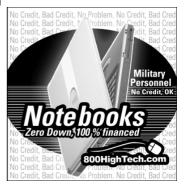
But will Boller have time to hrow? Left tackle Jonathan Ogden has missed four games with various hanstring injuries, and right tackle Orlando Brown sat out the New England game and looks to be missing for at least two more weeks with a recurring knee problem.

On defense, cornerback Deion Sanders (toe) did not dress for Wednesday's practice. Cornerback Chris McAlister (shoulder) has been slowed as well, even though he did participate in practice.

The Ravens have been a healthy, fast-finishing team under Billick, winning 31 of 45 games in November and December during his tenure, a record third in the league only to Philadelphia and Tennessee.

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"That's one thing about the record, it does not matter how you get to the end of it, it's about getting to the playoffs," linebacker Aray Lewis said. "Hyou're (Cincinnati head coach) Marvin Lewis, you're telling your team the same thing. Everybody's speaking the same language right now. Just win. These are the times when football gets fun."



No. 10 Duke's backcourt handles Michigan St.

The Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. - J.J. Redick handled the scoring for Duke in the first half against Michigan State Daniel Ewing took over in the second half and the Blue Dev-

ils held on to remain per-Men's fect in the Top 25 ACC-Big Ten Challenge. roundup Both guards

had 29 points and both made five three-pointers as No. 10 Duke beat the 11th-ranked Spartans 81-74 on

Tuesday night. Redick had 21 points in the first half, and Ewing had 15 in the second as the Blue Devils (4-0) improved to 6-0 in the made-for-TV conference matchup and beat Michigan State (3-1) for the second straight season.

"I was definitely in the zone in

the first half." Redick said.

"I was really in the flow of the offense. It felt good, that was the first time it's been that way this

Ewing's last three came in the final minute, when he hit one with the shot clock winding down to give Duke a 78-73 lead. Michigan State's Paul Davis missed two free throws with 15 seconds left, part of a 3-for-8 effort from the line down the stretch for the

Spartans. "We know we're a good team," Ewing said. "We just did what we

had to do.' Davis led the Spartans with 17 points and 10 rebounds.

"We just wanted to try to come down here and try to get a win," Davis said. "We weren't worried about last year. Everybody played their hearts out.

Duke beat Michigan State 72-50 last season.

second half Tuesday, Ewing made a three drove down the lane for a pull-up jumper and added a layup.

"There were a lot of good players out on that court, but he was the most mature player out there." Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said of Ewing. "He had the look of a champion out on the court. J.J. was great, don't get me wrong, but Daniel was handling it and he was absolutely great."

No. 4 Georgia Tech 99, Michigan 68: B.J. Elder scored 27 points, Will Bynum had 19, and Jarrett Jack added 16 for the Yellow Jackets (4-0), who shot 54 per-cent from the field and led by as

many as 35 points Courtney Sims had 17 points for visiting Michigan (3-3), which had 18 turnovers and shot just 41 percent in losing its third straight.

No. 7 Connecticut 99. Fla. Inonal 48: Rashad Anderson scored 17 points and the Huskies (2-0) blocked a school-record 19 shots in posting the home win.

Hilton Armstrong had a career-high five blocks, and Josh Boone had four blocks and 11 rebounds for Connecticut, which fin-ished with a 57-36 advantage on the hoards

Ivan Almonte and Ishmael N'Diaye each had 12 points for the Golden Panthers (3-2)

No. 8 Kentucky 92, Tennessee Tech 63: Kelenna Azubuike scored 21 points and Chuck Hayes overcame foul trouble to add 17 points and 11 rebounds for the Wildcats (4-0).

Willie Jenkins had 18 points for the visiting Golden Eagles (1-3).

No. 25 Wisconsin 69, No. 12 Maryland 64: Alando Tucker scored a career-high 27 points



Daniel Ewing scored 29 points for the Blue Devils in their 81-74 victory over Michigan State.

and the Badgers (3-1) won their 31st consecutive home game, tying Stephen F. Austin for the longest current Division I home winning streak.

Zach Morley scored all 12 of his points over the final 7:40 for Wisconsin, including three free throws in the final 16 seconds of the ACC-Big Ten Challenge matchup.

Ekene Ibekwe scored 21 points to lead Maryland (3-1), which trailed 64-57 with a minute to play and pulled within 66-64 on a three-pointer by Nik Caner-Medlev with 21 seconds remaining.

No. 19 Florida 88, Florida A&M 51: Mohamed Abukar scored a career-high 22 points to lead the Gators (4-0). The sophomore was 8-for-10 from the field, including 4-for-6 three-point range.

Jonathan Kelly and Michael Harper each had 10 points for the Rattlers (0-4), who have lost their opening four road games by a combined 122 points

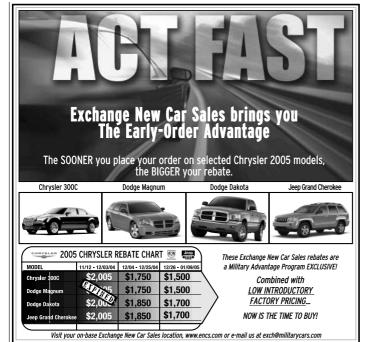
No. 21 Arizona 98, Wyoming 70: Salim Stoudamire and fresh man Jawaan McClellan each scored 19 points and the Wildcats (4-2) pulled away in the second

McClellan was 5-for-10 from the field, including 2-for-4 on three-pointers, and was 7-for-8 from the foul line. Stoudamire

was 3-for-4 on threes Jay Straight scored 19 points for the Cowboys (3-1), who were playing their first road game of the season.

No. 23 Iowa 91. Drake 75: Jeff Horner and Adam Haluksa each scored 21 points and Horner added eight rebounds and six assists to lead the Hawkeyes (4-1) to the road win.

Aliou Keita had a career-high 23 points for the Bulldogs (1-2) who have lost 26 straight to their Play the









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Mondays in Stars and Stripes

AA teams reload after standouts depart

BY DAVE ORNAUER Stars and Stripes

Defending champion Kubasaki and fellow Final Four finishers Seoul American and Kadena have obstacles to overcome before they can return to the 2005 Far East Girls Class AA Tournament semifi-

nals Each has plenty of talent but also some important parts to replace and some adjusting to do along the

Kadena must make up for the loss of do-every thing point guard Theresa Gittens, three-point sharpshooter Katie LaGrave and defensive specialist Kim Lyle.

■ Charlotte Hicks and Seoul American must replace the height that helped carry the Falcons to a fourth straight third-place Class AA finish: Whitney

Blain graduated, and Ashley Grandy transferred.
"We're going to have to run," said Hicks, who said she's seeking some tune-up games with Korean schools who "can come in and run us to death."

■ And a season after capturing its first Class AA crown since 1993, Kubasaki finds itself reduced from trees to shrubs. Tall post players Shanea McDaniel, Shanon Sumter and Monique Pearson graduated and Atana Grady transferred, leaving the

Dragons also without much height. "Last year, we had six impact players and a big ack line," Driggs said. "It's going to take some ad-

justing and playing a different style." That appears to be a common theme among title contenders.

Kadena and Kubasaki broke out of the gate smartly: After dropping their Okinawa-American League openers to Japanese teams, the Panthers took first place and the Dragons third in the 35th Hong Kong International School Holiday Tournament.

It gave Driggs, especially, a good look at what he thinks can be a ballclub that can challenge for a repeat Class AA crown, but not without a great deal of

"We're back to that puzzle," the four-time Class AA title coach said. "It was nice having those dominant backliners, the rebounding, the shot-blocking We have to put the parts together and play different-

ly from the way we did.' That will mean having junior Kristi McNair and senior Erin Foote in the backcourt and senior forward Ka'leen Mathieu get out and run the floor to try to force opponents into mistakes from last season's half-court offense and tight zone defenses

"I don't think we'll sweep them off the court, but we have the potential," Driggs said. "Last year was one of those premium years. Hopefully, we'll get some things together.



JIM SCHULZ/Stars and Strines

Zama American junior Elli Legaspi practices her shot in preparation for the 2004-05 high school season.

Seoul American will host the Class AA tourna ment this season, giving Hicks and her players an advantage they have never had.

"It's wonderful to say we're going to be here, we don't have to worry about the hassle of catching planes, get up at 6 a.m. to get to wherever they have to be by 8 p.m. It's nice," she said. "They can be relaxed, they can be in an environment that they're

Though short on height, the team has the experi-ence and skill of seniors Amy Bakamever in the

backcourt and Janel Daniels up front. But for the first time since Seoul International's three-year title run ended in 1992, the Falcons face formidable league opponents in Osan American and Taegu American. "We may get beat a few times. which will be good for us," Hicks said.

In one practice, she ran her charges until they were gasping.

"And they never gave up, which was nice," she

said. "But it's a young group of kids. They have potential. It's how it develops. Nor is Kadena's cupboard bare, with Britney Mc-Cauley and sisters Dianne and Jen Abel in the back-

court and experienced veterans Sherlissa Dukes. Alon Montes de Oca and Liz Cotto up front But how to replace such key components as La-Grave, Gittens and Lyle

"You don't try," said Panthers assistant coach Chrystal Smith, herself an All-Air Force player. You just be thankful for the talent that you have and press on with the season."

2004-05 Class AA girls basketball capsules

Korea Seoul American Falcons

Yongsan Garrison, South Korea oach: Charlotte Hicks, 19th season. ast season: Overall, 24-4; league, 14-0; t in Korean-American Interscholastic Ac-ties Conference; third in Far East Class

tivities conference; third in Far East Class At fournament.

Key returners: Amy Bakameyer, senior, guard; Janel Daniels, senior, forward; Chi-vonne Floyd, junior, guard-forward; Colleen McNulty, sophomore, guard; Whitney Smith, senior, center.

mountry, soprimore, guard; Whitney Smith, Serior, center, Key newcomers: Erica Anglade, freshman, guard; Angelae Law, freshman, guard; Ger-Quidock: Not much height, so will have to run the floor. May find league opposition to be stronger than in past years, but should contend for their 13th straight league title and a final Four Class AA finish on their home court.

Okinawa Kubasaki Dragons

Camp Foster, Okinawa tch: Bob Driggs, 14th season: Overall, 22-6; Okinawa Activities

Last season: Overall, 22-6; Okinawa-Ameri can League, 6-2; Okinawa Activities Council I-3; defending Far East Class AA Tourna mont champlone nent champions.

Key returners: Erin Foote, senior, guard; risti McNair, junior, guard; Ka'leen tathieu, senior, forward; Kimi Cece, sopholore, guard.

Mathleu, senior, forward; Kimi Cece, sopho-more, guard.

Key newcomers: Brandi Amos, junior, juard; Raeanne Tajalle, freshman, guard; kaelene Tajalle, freshman, guard; Serafina smith, senior, post change from a lineup backed with tall trees to one bereft of such leight. Drigos will adjust accordingly, run he floor and play pressure defense to com-pensate.

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Japan Nile C. Kinnick Red Devils

Vokosuka Naval Base, Japan Coach: Henry Falk, sixth season. Last season Overall 29-4; Kanto Plain As-sociation of Secondary Schools, 17-0; Japan League, 8-0; first in JBL and Kanto Plain, fifth in Far East Class AA Tournament.

Key returners: Lualhati Johnson, junior guard; Jasmine Jordan, senior, guard: Corinne Ray, senior, forward; Ashley Melin senior, forward; Charlemagne Cameron Senhomore quard.

senior, forward; Charlemagne Cameron, sophomore, guard. Key newcomers: Tomika Lynce, freshman, guard; Sarah Greenert, junior guard. Outlook: Athleticism and leadership of graduated Carol Tully will be missed, but in-coming Lynce has potential to be key ingre-dient to complement Johnson's Shooting ent to complement Johnson's shooting nd Jordan's ballhandling. Good mix of veter-ns and new blood. Likely to contend for aque and Class AA titles.

Yokota Panthers Yokota Air Base, Japan

Coach: Ricardo Cabral, third season. Last season: Overall, 13-13; Japan League 5; Kanto Plain, 9-6; fourth in JBL, second in

ianto. **Key returners:** Cari Bruschuk, senior, juard; Darlene Seeley, senior, guard; Naima łam, senior; Jena Koning, junior; China toach, junior; Victoria Sanders, junior.

lor, freshman.

Outlook: Panthers will again lack height, but plenty of athleticism in incoming Thobut plenty of athleticism in incoming Tho-mas, who also starred in volleyabll. Brus-chuk and Seeley provide leadership and ex-perience. Pedigree comes into play regard-ing coaching; Cabral was a three-time All-Air Force player. Good mix of veterans and youth, all coachable.

Zama American Troians

Camp Zama, Japan Coaches: Parrish and Veronica Jones, sec-

Last season: Overall, 13-14; Japan League.
-4; Kanto Plain Association of Secondary Last season (Wetal), 1-14, 3 pain Leaders (Schools, 7-8) second in JBL, fourth in Kanto, Key returners: Kate Shicks, Junior, guard, Wetall Legaso), Junior, Guard, Wetall Legaso, Junior, Guard, Wetall Legaso, Junior, Guard, Wetall Legaso, Junior, Guard, Wetall Legaso, Junior, earth Carlon, Savannah Stockland, Junior, center: Savannah Stockland, Junior, center-power forward, beat a good balanced Outlook: Trojans based a good balanced Charles (Savannah Stockland, Junior, Carlon, Savannah Stockland, Junior, Carlon, Savannah Stockland, Junior, Carlon, Savannah Stockland, Junior, Landidor, Junior, Junior,

Robert D. Edgren Eagles

Misawa Air Base, Japan Coach: Sarah Richardson, 15th season

Coach: Sarah Richardson, 15th season. Last season: Overall, 15-14; Japan League, 11-7; third in JBL. Key returners: Samantha Johnson, senior, forward: Kaillah Gaines, junior, center; Ger-ralyn Calhoun, junior, forward; Stephanie Patrick, junior, gudr; Brandi Calhoun, soph-mone, guard; Krystine Horsley, sophomore,

guard.

Key newcomers: Monica Hayes, freshman guard: Ashley Aldana, senior, forward, La triva Calhoun, sophomore, forward.

Outlook: A few nagging injuries have hindered development in practice, but Richard son foresees a young team that will work hard and be more competitive and experienced than last year.

Giants sign Benitez while Mets try to woo Martinez

NEW YORK - While Mets fans discussed whether their team has a chance to land Pedro Martinez, former New York closer Armando Benitez found a new club, agreeing Tuesday to a \$21.5 million, three-year contract with the San Francisco Giants.

Cincinnati, meanwhile, tained a key part of its rotation, agreeing to re-sign ex-Met Paul Wilson for \$8.2 million over two

Martinez isn't close to making a decision on where to sign, a person close to the free-agent ace said on condition of anonymity, and is likely to wait until the New York Yankees determine their level of interest. That could hinge on whether they acquire Randy Johnson from Arizona in a trade that could send Javier Vazquez to the Diamondhacks

The Mets, trying to make a splash in the free-agent market,

three-year contract last weekend. an agent with knowledge of the proposal said, also on condition of anonymity. The offer contains an option for a fourth season that could make the deal worth \$50 million over four years, the agent

Roston has offered a two-vear deal to retain Martinez and must decide by Dec. 7 whether to offer salary arbitration, which would extend the window for the World Series champion Red Sox to re-sign him until Jan. 8.

Martinez's agent, Fernando Cuza, would not comment on the Mets' proposal, which was first reported Tuesday in several New York and Boston newspapers. New Mets general manager Omar Minaya declined comment. Yankees owner George Stein-

brenner met with Martinez in Tampa, Fla., on Nov. 18, and Martinez also met in Florida with New York third baseman Alex Ro-



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AUBURN HILLS, Mich. - Two men were banned from events at The Palace for what the Detroit Pistons say is their involvement in last month's NBA brawl.

John Green and Charlie Haddad were sent letters informing them of the ban, which also includes events at DTE Energy Music Theatre in Clarkston, Pistons spokesman Matt Dobek said Wednesday. The Clarkston site is another holding of the Palace Sports and Entertainment organi-

Apart from Pistons games, the Palace hosts figure skating competitions and concerts. The DTE

Green, of Oakland County's West Bloomfield Township, is accused of lobbing a cup at Indiana Pacers forward Ron Artest on Nov. 19, sparking the brawl. Haddad of Burt ran onto the court that night, Dobek said.

"They're completely picking on the little guy," Shawn Smith, Green's lawyer, said Wednesday.

The brawl spilled into the stands and led to three Indiana players being suspended for 25 or more games, including a sea-son-long ban for Artest.

No criminal charges have been filed in the brawl. Oakland County prosecutor David Gorcyca said investigation first.

"It is obvious from the multitude of videotapes that numerous Pacer players and fans are implicated in criminal wrongdoing," Gorcyca said in a statement. "To issue charges in haste and before a thorough investigation is completed would be irresponsible and

a dereliction of our duties. Gorcyca had told The Detroit News that Pacers players will be charged, but declined to specify

the players or charges. NBA Commissioner Stern announced Tuesday that the league will set new security guidelines for its arenas.

Stern said the guidelines will be issued in early January.

Brawlers banned from The Palace Rockets fans launch a 'fire Gundy' chant

Houston drops fourth straight

The Houston Rockets were finishing up one of their worst performances of the season when a chant rang out from behind the bench.

"Fire Gundy" the fans said in unison, prompting coach Jeff Van Gundy to turn and nod in their direction

"I think it starts with me," Van Gundy said after a 93-72 loss Tuesday night to the Detroit Pis-tons. "I'm going to get a group that looks like they really want to play. I just haven't provided that this year, and for that, I'm very apologetic to our fans."

The Rockets lost their fourth game in a row overall and fifth straight at home, dropping to 6-10 in a season that hasn't gone nearly as smoothly as predicted after Houston acquired Tracy Tracy

McGrady in the offseason. McGrady was held to 16 points for the Rockets, who were booed off the court as the game ended

Antonio McDvess had 19 points nd 10 rebounds, and Richard Hamilton also scored 19 to help the Pistons snap a five-game road losing streak.

"That's the way we used to play," coach Larry Brown said. "That's probably our best game all year."

McDvess scored the Pistons first 12 points in the opening 4½ minutes, filling in admirably as All-Star center Ben Wallace completed a six-game suspension for his role in the Nov. 19 brawl with the Indiana Pacers. The Pistons went 3-3 without him, and they certainly didn't need him against the punchless Rockets.

Houston scored a season-low 72 points, committed 19 turnovers and attempted 16 fewer field goals.

"We're losing and it seems like it's the same type of effort every night," McGrady said. "It's got to change because right now it's pretty embarrassing Jim Jackson led Houston with

21 points and eight rebounds. Trail Blazers 100, SuperSon ics 94: Zach Randolph had 19

points, including a key jumper with 17.2 seconds left, and Portland snapped the Sonics' four-game winning streak. Shareef Abdur-Rahim led the

Blazers with 25 points, and Darius Miles had 20. The Sonics, who have lost five straight visits to the Rose Garden, were led by Rashard Lewis with 29 points.

Spurs 107, Mavericks 89: Devin Brown sparked fourth-quarter spurt with two three-point plays and two dunks, helping San Antonio spoil the pseudo-coaching debut of Avery Johnson in Dallas.

Johnson, the hand-picked successor of Dallas coach Don Nelson, ran the game as if the job was already his. Nelson was there, too, but offered only suggestions. This was the first of about six

such training sessions Nelson has

Suns 115. Jazz 102: At Salt Lake City, Steve Nash had 20 points and 14 assists to lead the Suns to their eighth straight win.

Amare Stoudemire scored 29 points, Shawn Marion scored 21 and both pulled down nine re bounds for the Suns, who were the Jazz 33-22 in the fourth quarter. Quentin Richardson scored 18 points, and Joe Johnson added 15 as all five Suns starters reached double figures.

Knicks 110, Hawks 109 (OT): Jamal Crawford's three-pointer with 3.4 seconds left in overtime won it for New York in Atlanta.

Nazr Mohammed fouled Antoine Walker with 2 seconds left. but Walker - who scored a season-high 36 points - missed the first free throw. Following a timeout, Walker made the second free throw despite trying to intentionally miss the shot. The Knicks then inbounded and ran out the

Kings 98, Grizzlies 93: Peja Stojakovic had 29 points, and Chris Webber added 22 points

and 11 rebounds. The loss was the Grizzlies' secand straight at home and fourth straight overall, three of coming since former coach Hubie

Brown resigned unexpectedly. Memphis pulled to 94-93 after an 8-0 run, but jumpers by Mike Bibby and Webber in the closing

seconds assured the victory. Lakers 95, Bucks 90: At Milwaukee, reserve Brian Cook scored a career-high 25 points, including five three-pointers, and Kobe Bryant added 20 points despite being held without a field goal for the final three quarters.

Cook also had a career-high 11 rebounds, and Lamar Odom added 16 points and 11 rebounds as the Lakers heat the Bucks for the second time in seven days and the eighth straight time overall.

Raptors 94, Heat 92: Jalen Rose scored 24 points, including the decisive free throws with 15.6 seconds left, to help Toronto snap a six-game road losing streak.

Shaquille O'Neal led Miami with a season-high 34 points shooting 12-for-15 from the field and 10-of-13 from the foul line He entered the game a 43-per-

cent foul shooter. Nets 99. Bobcats 86: Richard

Jefferson scored 23 points and Eric Williams had a season-high 22 to help New Jersey end a nine-game losing streak. Emeka Okafor led Charlotte

with 26 points and 12 rebounds, the rookie's fifth consecutive dou-ble-double. Jason Hart added 15 for the Bobcats, who dropped to 0-6 on the road.

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Three-Point Goals-Charlotte 2-10 (Hart 1-1 House 1-3, Kapono 0-1, Slay 0-1, Bogans 0-2, Ssmith 0-2), New Jersey 1-4 (Jefferson 0-1, Ssmith 0-2), New Jersey (2 (Jefferson out-Mone, Rebounds-Charlotte 42 (Okafor 12), New Jersey 23 (Mourning 11), Assists-Charlotte 22 (Knight 6), New Jersey 23 (Jeffer-son, Best 5), Total Touls-Charlotte 26, New Jersey 23, Technicals-Charlotte Defensive Jersey 23, Technicals-Charlotte Defensive

Spurs 107. Mavericks 89

SAN ANTONIO — Bowen 1-5 1-2 3, Duncan 3-15 4-6 20, Nesterovic 4-8 1-2 9, Parker 7-16 3-4 17, Ginobill 2-7 7-9 11, Barry 2-5 0-0 4, Rose 2-5 1-2 5, Horry 2-2 0-0 4, Udrih 4-7 7-8 16, Brown 5-9 6-6 16, Wilks 1-1 0-0 2. Totals

Suns 115, Jazz 102

der 1-1 1-2 4, 15-23 102.

Utah Three-Point Goals-Phoenik 8-26 (Jahrson 3-7, Richardson 2-7, Jacobsen 1-1, Nash 1-3, Marion 1-4, Stoudenire 0-2, Barbosa 0-2, Utah 3-8 (Beil 2-4, Snyder 1-1, Harpring 0-1, Okur 0-1, Elsey 0-1), Touled out—None, Review 0-1, Stoudenire 0-2, Barbosa 0-2, Utah 3-8 (Beil 2-4, Snyder 1-1, Harpring 0-1, Okur 0-1, Elsey 0-1), Touled out—None, Review 0-1, Stoudenie 0-1, Stoudenie 0-1, Harpring 0-1, Utah 59 (Boozer 18), Assists-Phoenix 25 (Nash 14), Utah 27 (Esley 7), Total fouls-Phoenix 20, Utah 22, Technical—Richardson. A-17,336 (19911).

Kings 98, Grizzlies 93

SACRAMENTO — Stojakovic 10-16 5-5 29, Webber 9:17 4-4 22, B.Miller 4-5 4-4 12, Bibby 3:10-0-7, Christis 4-12 0-8, Ostertag) 1-26 -5, 3:10-0-7, Christis 4-12 0-8, Ostertag) 1-26 -5, gaila 0-2 0-0, Totals 39-78 14-17 98. MEMPHIS — Battler 2-6 0-14, Gasol 10-24 2-4 22, Wright 3-9 1-17, Watson 6-15 7-11 19, Wells 5-8 0-10, Possy 1-2 0-0-2, M.Miller 10-142-225, Swift 2-8 0-04, Jones 0-0-00. To-tals 39-86 12-18

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1-20-27, Totals 34-76 17-25

1-20-27, Totals 34-76

1-20-27, Totals 34-7

Pistons 93, Rockets 72

Pistons 93, Rockets 72
DETROIT - Portions 64-011, McDyes 9-16.
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4-6-12, Millico 6-11-0-0, Parker 9-0-2-2, Todor 8-8
4-6-12, Millico 6-11-0-0, Parker 9-0-2-2, Todor 8-8
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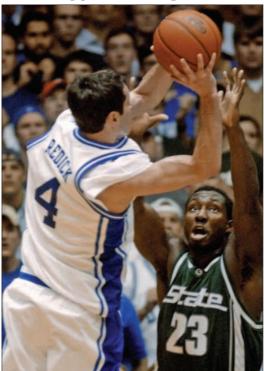
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SPORTS



Ravens aren't letting an alarming number of injuries hurt their playoff push, Page 28

Duke topples Michigan State



J.J. Redick (4), shooting over Michigan State's Kelvin Torbert (23), had 29 points — 21 in the first half — to lead No. 10 Duke to an 81-74 victory over No. 11 Michigan State in Durham, N.C., on Tuesday. The Atlantic Coast Conference has won four of five sames in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge. See Page 29 for details.



Utah football coach Urban Meyer, left, with wife Shelley, and daughter, Gigi, has compiled a 21-2 record in two seasons at Utah. Meyer, 40, was an assistant coach at Notre Dame from 1996-2000.

Utah's Meyer tops Irish's list

Tedford, Ferentz and Gruden also considered candidates

BY DOUG ALDEN

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Notre
Dame is looking for a coach, and
Utah's Urban Meyer could be
among the top candidates to take
over college football's most glam-

orous program.
Meyer, a Fighting Irish assistant for five years, couldn't avoid answering questions on the topic after Tyrone Willingham was fired Tuesday. Meyer has a clause in his contract that allows him to leave to coach Notro Dame

without a buyout.
"I have great respect for that
university," Meyer said Tuesday
after leading his fifth-ranked Utes
(11-0) through practice. "That's
the reason it's in my contract.

"I think a lot of people look into it more than what it is. I'm sure that this is going to spark a lot of discussion, but I'm just trying to get a team ready to play in a bowl

While Notre Dame (6-5) was reconsidering whether to play in the Insight Bowl, Utah is set to become the first non-BCS school to play in a Bowl Championship Series game — most likely the Fies-

Meyer isn't the only candidate to surface. Others include California coach Jeff Tedford, Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz and Tampa Bay Buccaneers coach Jon Gruden.

Gruden.
Tedford has had success at a school with high academic expectations similar to Notre Dame's; Ferentz was hired at Maine in 1990 by current Notre Dame athletic director Kevin White, and nently in the Notre Dame search three years ago. Gruden grew up in South Bend and his father was an assistant under former Irish coach Dan Devine.

Meyer, though, is the top name right now. He talked to a few players who asked him about the Notre Dame opening. The coach declined to say whether he would be interested if the school called.

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Rockets' fourth straight loss turns fans against Van Gundy; Two Pistons fans banned from arena





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Kinnick among teams chasing Okinawa powerhouses in Far East Class AA girls basketball

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